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Rush and Pledging

Undergraduate NEWS

Initiation

On February 19, 1994, the Delta Sigma Phi Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho initiated 14 new brothers. The initiation dinner was again held at Leo's Italian Ristorante in Worcester. Approximately 40 undergraduate and graduate brothers attended the dinner as well as the 14 postulants. Leo's put out an incredible spread of food and beverage, and everybody had a great time at the restaurant.

The postulancy program was operated very well by the postulant leader **Chris Kmiec '94** and all of his assistants. During the entire postuuency period, only 3 people dropped out of the program, (2 due to grades and one due to Parent's concerns - none due to their own choice) which is a very low percentage compared to recent years. The graduate chapter would like to congratulate the entire brotherhood on their efforts during rush and postulancy.

The 14 men initiated promise to be one of the best classes of brothers that we have ever had. They have an extraordinary sense of unity and a very good work ethic.

News Years Eve Incident

On Jan 1, 1994 there was an incident at the house involving the Worcester police department. It all started when two brother on their way back from downtown Worcester were assaulted. They tried to give their statements to a WPD officer downtown but the officer refused to take a statement from inebriated people. Upon return to the house, the WPI Police were called. The WPI Police were unable to help because the incident occurred off campus. The WPI Police called the WPD again because the victim still wanted to make a statement. When the WPD arrived, one of the victims was brought to the front door to give his statement again. The WPD officer again refused to take a statement from an inebriated person. The victim then expressed his disappointment with vulgarity. The WPD officer then grabbed him, and tried to pull him outside. A number of brothers intervened and tried to separate the WPD officer and the victim. This altercation was extremely hairy. After this settled down the incident was thought closed.

About one month later the Dean of Students spoke to the undergraduate president expressing her concern about the incident. She strongly suggested the fraternity take some actions against those who were involved in the incident. This prompted a number of meetings between the Executive Committee, B.O.D. members and the Graduate Chapter's officers. From these meetings two actions were taken. The first was to place the brother who insulted the officer on social probation. The second was to organize a campus wide seminar on proper procedure during police involvement.

This seminar is for Undergraduate as well as Graduate Brothers. Since most of the brothers involved in this incident were Graduate Brothers it is strongly recommended to anyone who is available this evening to attend the seminar.

Board of Directors

by Mike Henry '92

The last meeting of the Board of Directors was at Homecoming this past October . Since then the house has been running relatively without problems. This is such a change from last year that the board has been relishing the time off from the headaches.

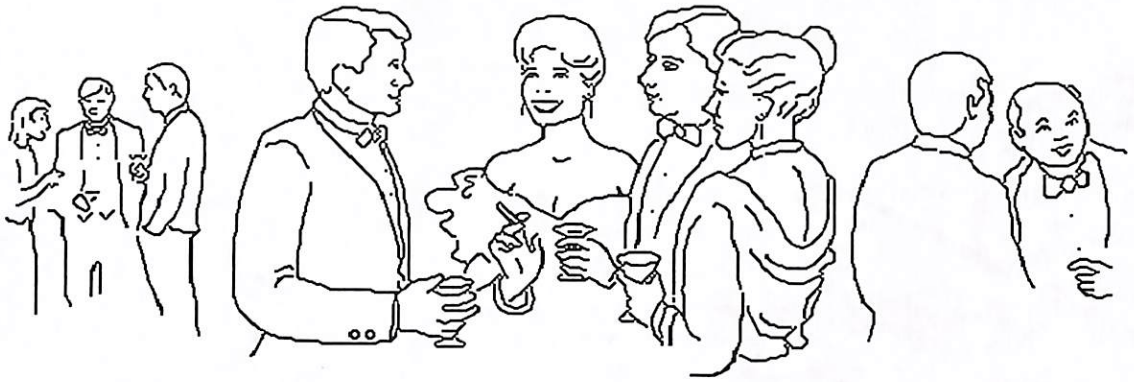
The current financial situation of the house is looking good. Currently the undergraduates have either collected all this years room , board and dues or have payments plans that are being strictly adhered too. If things continue as expected they should have no trouble getting through to the end of the year without any financial help from the Board, this would be a first in several years. Much thanks should go out to the undergraduate executive committee and the brotherhood as a whole for their continued efforts in keeping the financial situation under control. This years budget has been revised several times and with the problems at the start of the year it is very pleasing to see that they were able to work it all out.

The biggest news of the board was the hiring of an accountant. We have retained the services of Dawn Colombo, sister of Board member Dave '92. Dawn is a CPA in Massachusetts and had worked previously for the IRS, with Dawn's experience this will be the first time our taxes have been filed correctly. Dawn is also working to organize our financials and assets so that we will be prepared for when the day comes that we try to purchase a house.

The next meeting of the board will be in March. At this meeting we will be voting on the undergraduate budget for next year, discussing the current financial situation, discussing the status of collection of old debt and hopefully setting a strategic plan for dealing with the current housing situation. We will be presenting a formal financial report of the building fund at the graduate chapter meeting at the big Homecoming party coming up.

The current members of the Board are:

Robert Bergland	term expires homecoming 94
Chet Przybylowicz	term expires homecoming 95
Paul Lavigne	term expires homecoming 96
Michael Henry	term expires homecoming 97
David Colombo	term expires homecoming 98



Sparkey's Gossip

by Mark Stanley '85

Tim Lynch '87 has been promoted to Senior Engineer in the Electric Resource Planning Department at New York State Electric and Gas in Binghamton, NY ... **Steve Schwarm '68** has left Prime Computer to take a position as a Principal Engineer at Mitre Corp. in Bedford, MA ... **John Wodziak '91** recently completed his Masters in Mechanical Engineering at Clemson University ... Congratulations **to Matt '88 and Laurie Mooney** on the birth of their second son, Jacob Alexander, born 10/29/93 ... **Mike Basmajian '88**, a Product Engineer at The Torrington Company of Torrington, CT, recently received his M.B.A. from RPI ... **Ken Carpenter '90** has started a new position as a Business Consultant at The Travelers in Hartford, CT ... **Mike Schiller '92** was recently engaged to Amy Trainor ... **Mike Henry '92** has accepted a position as a Junior Level Programmer at CHUBB Programmer Resources ... **John Bagdasarin '89** received his M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut in May. John currently works as a analyst at the IBM Credit Corporation in Stamford, Ct ... **Bruce Black '83** recently received a B.S. in Business Administration from Eastern Nazarene College ... **Todd Parker '90** is pursuing his Ph.D. at USC in Los Angeles ... **Tim O'Connor '91** was recently hired as a Junior Civil Engineer by Electric Boat in Groton, CT ... **George Clark '74** has left Norton Company in Worcester after 20 years of service. George has accepted a position as a Systems Engineer at Wellfleet in Wellesley, MA ... **Rick Rogers '90** works as a Tire Research Engineer at Bandag Inc... **Bill Andrews '84** is now Vice President of Engineering at Forefront Inc. in CO ... **Steve Gardner '85** works as a Senior Engineer at Chipcom Corp. ... **Gary Bellinger '74** is employed as a Project Manager at OCG Microelectronics .. **Dan Levine '91** is a Product Design Supervisor at Alpha Scientific Corp. in PA.

Grad Chapter Events

Following the success of last year's Grad Chapter events, we'd like to announce our calendar for 1994.

March 19 -- The annual DST anniversary celebration at the Picadilly Pub in Westboro. This is very informal -- just stop by anytime after 6:00. The Pic Pub is located on Rt. 135 at the Westboro Rotary.

April 2 -- Foothills Theater + dinner (see related article). (RSVP by March 19)

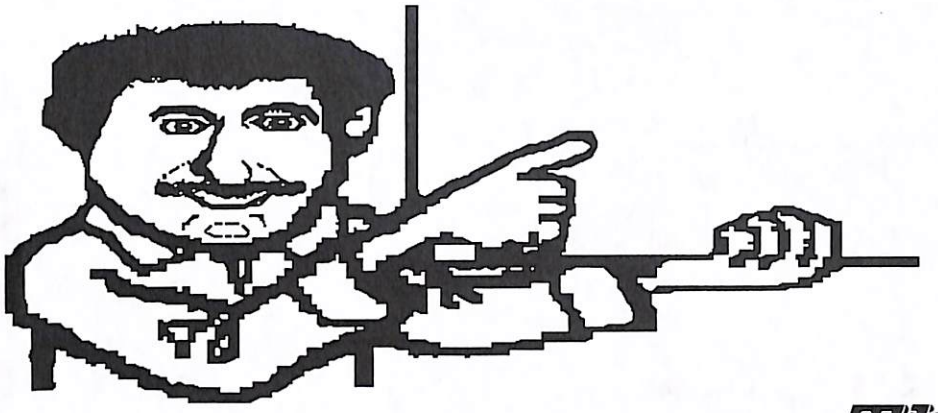
April 9 -- Grad Appretiation Day at the House

April 16 -- Night In Chi Rho

August 6 -- Red Sox vs. Indians. We had 50 brothers and rushees attend last year over 2 days, so reply early. details will be announced in the Spring.

September 24 -- Homecoming '94 -- DST 30th anniversary bash. This is a big one, so everyone should plan on attending.

October ?? -- New England Patriots. It's official - they're staying in New England. We're planning this early this year, so we'll try for warmer weather and a great game.



The "Swill" Shop

by Señor Steve (El Hewitty) Leece '69

Hola! Que tal?! And lotsa other greetings to all you little pavos from el swill shop in sunny Madrid. As always, the Swill Shop is proud to be associated with the Award Claiming Newsletter. And if those turkeys (that's what pavo means in espanol) down in New Jersey know what's best for them (in a journalistic fashion of course) they better get on the stick and award the award.

As this Award Claiming Newsletter goes to print, the holidays are over, there is a new year to contend with, and just one thing on the minds of most of the Award Claiming Newsletter readers. The September 24th anniversary party. That's right! The party! And it's only eight months away. Less time than it takes to have a baby. Unless, of course, you had a late wedding or you're a bunny rabbit. Anyone not in attendance has the opportunity to get their name, reputation and credit rating absolutely demolished by alums who do attend.

So in the spirit(s) of getting ready for the party, your trivia(l) column will sort of devote itself to party trivia.

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A) Jim Metzler's body transplant (half his former one).
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D) All the brothers wondering how all those old farts could ever have gotten into the fraternity in the first place.

If you answered all of the above, you're probably more correct than any other answer.

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A) having it in March on a cold actual anniversary date.
B) Richard Johnson (no a fraternity member) providing the professional entertainment.
C) as many wives as girlfriends in attendance.
D) The last party where brothers were born before the alums had graduated.

If you answered all of the above, you're probably more correct than any other answer again.

3) The 1966 summer Tuesday parties were characterized by

A) a dangerously packed party room.
B) more than one police visit on noise complaints.
C) high profitability for the bar.
D) some of Worcester's better bands playing cheap.

If your answered all of the above, you're probably more correct than any other answer again still.

4) The 1966 pledge parties (pledging, help week, etc.) were characterized by

A) Stessel performing the famous "Brothers and Brothers to be" chant while spinning in the party room.
B) movies of dubious quality provided by Nils the campus cop.
C) Reasonably painful following day activities.
D) Activities rather outside the scope of what today is considered safe, prudent and responsible behavior, but hey, the EPA and OSHA hadn't even been invented yet and besides, Johnson was president and everybody was getting drafted and Nixon hadn't even dreamed up Watergate yet.

If you answered all of the above, you're probably more correct than any other answer again still also yet.

Remember the date! September 24, 1994, for the next bash. And for those of you who are considering doing something else that date, be aware that the "Swill Shop" staff may decide to do some investigative reporting at your home if you don't show up. You think "60 Minutes" is cruel, wait 'til you see the "Swill Shop" arriving.

Of course, all you guys down at National can come too, but you'll be especially welcome when you bring the newsletter award along.

Pay your house bill. Or give a present to a brother who's down on his luck and pay some or all of his. He and the house will thank you for it.

Yo tomo a esto (loosely translated, I'll drink to that!)

Senor Hewitty

Top Ten List

Direct from the home office at Eagle Brook Saloon in Norfolk, MA (home of USA Olympic goalie Garth Snow), the Top Ten reasons why Chris Duggan is getting married this summer:

10. Honeymoon plans: "Ten Nights in a Barroom"
9. Looking forward to tax break
8. After wedding, he can let his appearance go
7. It worked so well for Matt Goldman
6. Lying to wife is prerequisite for life in politics
5. Mary Fran will pay more rent than current tenant
4. Free beer at wedding reception
3. Wants to make instructional wedding night video for Sparky
2. "Married?!? What, was I drunk or something!?!"

And the #1 reason why Chris Duggan is getting married this summer:

1. Mary Fran Connors of Norwood, MA

Unknown Addresses

We seem to have lost contact with the following list of brothers. They have either moved to a new address, joined the witness protection program or skipped the country to live on a tropical island populated by half-naked women. If anyone has some knowledge of their current address can you please send them to the Graduate Chapter. We promise we will not reveal these addresses to the FBI, CIA or MOB. Thank you and here's the list:

Sean Sweeney '89 Kevin Geoffrey '93 Kevin Bowen '90 Bob Elden '91 Daniel Farkas Sean Hunt '90 James Myran '87 Todd Parker '90 John Whyte '87 James Conoby Paul Amons '88 Paul Cotellesso `91 Bruce MacWilliam '75 Robert Overman '83 Jeffrey Leiner Mark Strozik Dinis Pimentel '92

Thanks again.

Crows Join Information Highway

Welcome to CROWnet. The Grad Chapter has progressed to the 90's and is now maintaining a directory of electronic mail addresses as part of our mailing list. If you'd like to join CROWnet, send your email address to Chris Duggan (duggan@jove.ed.ray.com), or Andy Cott (Cott@ll.mit.edu). A message similar to this one will be mailed periodically along with an updated list. If you have corrections or email addresses for brothers that aren't on this list, please send them to us. Here's the current list:

Andy Cott	cott@ll.mit.edu
Chris Duggan	duggan@jove.ed.ray.com
Fred Gold	fgold@wpi.edu
Matt Goldman	goldman@mpgs.enet.dec.com
George Graw	george_s_graw@ccmail.ed.ray.com
Bill Iannacci	iannacci@jove.ed.ray.com
Andy Krassowski	andyk@star-semi.com
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Matt Mooney	Matt_Mooney@hpmed.desk.hp.com
Paul Pakus	pakus@cod.nosc.mil
Keith Pflieger	keith@professor.jpl.nasa.gov
Pete Polit	ppolit@tcemail.tce.indy.com
Mike Pomerleau	72064,614@compuserve.com
Ed Prentice	prentice@setc.enet.dec.com
Jeff Remillard	jdr@smtplink.tfn.com
Rick Thomas	rick.thomas@gtegsc3.sprint.com
Greg Thomson	fasteam!gthomson@uunet.uu.net

Ten by 6 (Ten Nights in a Barroom)

"You'll cheer the hero, you'll hiss the villain, you'll howl with laughter at this zesty musical comedy about the effects of 'demon rum' in a turn-of-the-century New England town!"

The AXP/DST Graduate Chapter invites you to join us for this special evening of dining and theater, Saturday, April 2. We'll meet at the House at 4:30. Dinner will be at 5:00 at the Thai Orchid, 144 Commercial St., Worcester, followed by coffee at the Foothills Theater, located on the courtyard at Worcester Center.

The Foothills Theater company, celebrating their twentieth anniversary, will present "Ten by 6 (Ten Nights in a Barroom)", a Musical comedy by Richard Kinter. The Grad Chapter worked a great deal for this one. Tickets are only $25 for both dinner and the show, but tickets are limited. Please RSVP to Mike Lemberger by March 19, at work (508)795-2268 or home (508)853-6892.

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30th Anniversary Party: Sept. 17, 1994

Hey! What are we gonna do to mark the 15th anniversary of Delta Sigma Phi chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, and the 30th year since it all began with Delta Sigma Tau in 1965?

PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!

Yes! Way cool! We are having our fifth giant celebration (a BIG BASH, so to speak, held only once every five years, a tradition since 1975) at this year's WPI Homecoming which will be on Saturday, September 17th.

The day will be packed with events starting with the Graduate Chapter meeting at 11:00AM and a Tailgate Party on the Quad at 12:30. There will be an open house at the Chapter Hall from 4:00 to 5:30PM. Then it is time for the BIG BASH - a semi-formal starting at 6:00 at the Holden Hills Banquet and Conference Center. There will be a dinner, a DJ, as well as interesting highlights of our fraternity history.

The Chairman for Homecoming '94 is John Scannell '85 (the same man who brought you the DST 25th five years ago) On his committee is George Graw '86, Jim Nichols '86, Mike Lemberger '91, Paul Lavigne '89, and Mark Stanley '85. Mark is coordinating the Tailgate Party so you can be sure there will be plenty of napkins this time, so you don't have to lick off your fingers - oh so tacky. The cost of the semi-formal is $48/couple or $25/single.

A summary of the day's schedule is as follows:

11:00	Grad Chapter Meeting
12:30	Tailgate at the Quad
4:00-5:30	AXP Open house
6:00-12:00	BIG BASH Semi-formal dinner/dance

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For those who are planning to stay in the area that weekend, the Marriott in Worcester has rooms available. Please make your reservations right away since this is a busy weekend for them. Rooms for one to five persons are $99 per night. The hotel's reservation number is 508-791-1600. The hotel is on Main St. near Lincoln Circle (Rte 9 exit of I290).

We really look forward to a good turnout and a chance to see a lot of our best friends again.

ALPHA CHI RHO

15 YEARS

30 YEARS

DELTA SIGMA TAU

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SEPTEMBER 17TH
HOMECOMING 1994

BIG '94 BASH

WPI
ΔΧΤ
30 TROWBRIDGE
WORCESTER
OLLIE
WORMTOWN ENGINEER
ΑΧΡ
8 BOYNTON
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CROWBAR
OLD CROW
GO CROW!
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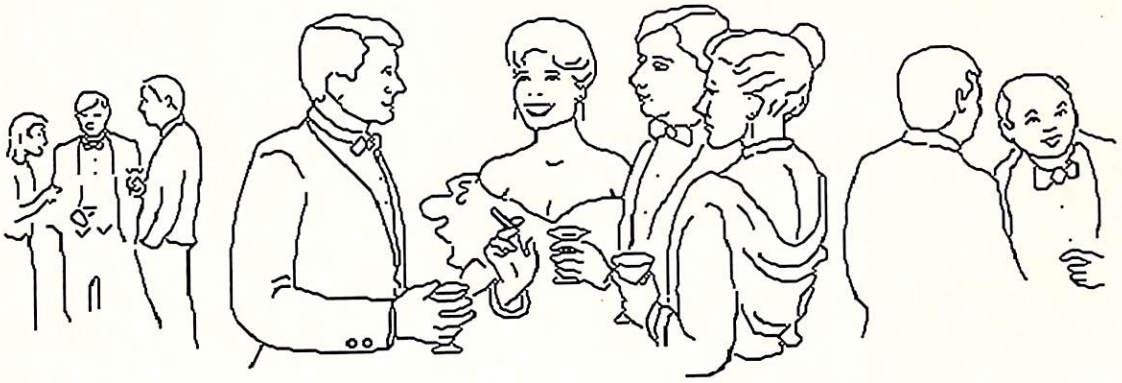

Sparkey's Gossip

by Mark Stanley '85

Out of the clear blue comes an Internet E-mail from **John Gahagan '68**. John writes that both he and Ginger are still married and living in Renforth, New Brunswick, Canada, a suburb of Saint John. John is head of Physics at St. John High School and Ginger is Chief Tech Microbiology at the Regional Laboratory. For their 25th wedding anniversary last year they went to Moscow for a three week vacation ... **Tom Peterson '87** is now Sr. Mechanical Engineer for Boston Scientific Corp., and is now living in Plainville MA... **Chris Duggan '83** is now Sr. Software Engineer at Raytheon - and is married... **Bob Stessel '69** is now Station Manage for the Christian Science Monitor way up in Maine ... **Chuck Greene '72** admits to a certain degree of age induced ugliness, but we will have to judge for ourselves if he shows up for the big party... **Bob (OJ) Orenberg '69** is now VP of Engineering for Remanco International, Inc. The recent notoriety of certain other OJ personalities reminds us of this the original OJ. Capt. **Brian Murphey '89** writes that he can now be found in Ramstgin, Germany as an Environmental Engineer for HQ USAFE. Anyone visiting an hour south of Frankfurt can count on a free cold one there... **Steve Mann '86** is a dealer at Foxwoods Resort and Casino ... **Bruce Black '83** has a new job - OPS Mgr. for Chelsea City Employees Credit Union ... Congratulations to **Steve Fiorelli '84** upon earning his MBA from University of Chicago recently ... **Rich Hilo '85** has moved to New Hampshire ... Congratulations to **Mike Salk '86**, recently engaged ... **Andy Cott '85** is the proud owner of a condo in Nashua, New Hampshire ... **Chris MacDonnell '86** reports that he recently visited **Curt Duffy '87** in California ... Congratulations to **Dave Padly '88** on his recent wedding ... **Rick Brodeur '68-'89** is big into *British Sports Car* repair these days in Quakertown, PA ... For those of you who may have missed the big news broadcast recently; **Paul Lavigne '89** was the face behind the *Barney the Dinasour* costume as a replacement for the original Barney, who was slugged out by a Worcester State student over a $10 bet.

GRAD CHAPTER TO ATTEND PATRIOTS GAME

Come see the New England Patriots with your Grad Chapter friends on Sunday Nov. 20 at 1:00PM vs. the San Diego Chargers. Twenty five tickets have been reserved at a cost to you of $32. For further information, please call Mark Stanley at 508-695-0581.

Hewitty's Trivia Corner

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Also don't forget that Rush will be in full swing at party time. Last year, the **"Hewitty Challenge"** raised over $1000 for Rush activities and based on latest reports, we got some great new brothers. So here we go again. The 1994 Hewitty Challenge is hereby kicked off with a cheque for $250 for 1994 Rush support and a challenge for everyone to help beat the grand raised last year. It's not that hard. If every alum kicked in the price of one, just *ONE* six pack of beer , or, more politically correct, mineral water, we'd raise over double the grand. If you won't do it for yourself, give in the name of a fellow brother.

And for any of you who bitched about your tax bill last April 15th, the challenge goes double! Match the $250. Improved your itemized deductions for 1994 while you help the house.

Yo tomo a esto (loosely translated, I'll drink to that!) Senor Hewitty

THE RETURN OF CAR-TUNING

by Greasy George '71

You thought I was gone for good, didn't you? HAH! I'm back to torture you with more useless drivel from the automotive world. Not only that, I am starting two new departments to bore you with my world famous opinionated know it all bull****. Greasy George will now also condescend to enlighten all you peons with his vast superior knowledge of sports card collecting and personal computers! (NOTE - IBM compatibles only - Macs are for kids and networks are for dweebs... are you pi**ed off yet?)

Actually, my computer expertise is limited to simple old stuff. Working for Uncle Sam is restricting me to old, cheap machines. This is being written with Word Perfect 5.1 on a trusty old 286. Semmel, I hope you can read this.
5 1/4 inch low density floppy and make it suitable for publishing! If you gave me a full boat Pentium with all the bells and whistles, I wouldn't know where to start. Yes, fans, Greasy George is a DOS dinosaur. As far as I am concerned, Windows are parts of a car that you open and close to regulate airflow and temperature, to pay tolls, and to pick up my swill at Mickey D's. In fact, the only reason I put DOS 6.2 on this machine was because my 20 meg hard drive was full. Somehow, I just don't trust data compression.

Now, let the truth be told - the reason I resurfaced was a phone conversation I had with Leece last Christmas. My sister gave me a card for a 15 minute Sprint call anywhere in the world. Leece is the only person I know outside the U.S. that I have a phone number for, so I called him. After all, I always take advantage of free stuff. He convinced me to start doing this column again in spite of the overwhelmingly negative results of the last survey. (So there, all you Greasy George haters - I'm baaaaaaack!)

Leece seems to be doing quite well for himself in Spain. He told me his company car is an Opel Omega. Nice car - definitely executive class (Leece - class? Oh well.....never mind--). As a matter of fact, the Opel Omega in some form will be appearing in the U.S. in 1997 as a Cadillac. Somehow, I can't picture a Cadillac with a 6 cylinder engine and a stick shift. Way to go, GM! It looks that you finally realize that there is a market for a $30K plus sport sedan. Competition getting a little uncomfortable, General? Speaking of General, what the hell is he up to these days? Does anybody care?

Long time readers of this column may recall that Greasy George bit the bullet five years ago and bought a new car. Well, said car, which I still have, is now becoming a beater. Greasy George has to get off his dead ass sometime this summer and put a new engine into his trusty Festiva. 157K hard commuting miles in Chicagoland have not been kind to the four squirrels under the hood. Putting up with a bad valve, requiring a new spark plug every 1000 miles, and pouring in a quart of oil every tank of gas is getting old. The oil consumption would be a lot easier to handle if we had a Spag's out here, but I have to buy my oil at Trak Auto at the exorbitant price of 87 cents a quart. Not only that, my emission test is due soon. You may ask, why don't I just buy a new car? Well, here are several reasons: 1. The body is still undented and free of rust. 2. I'm too cheap. 3. I like the car. 4. I can get an engine at the boneyard for $450 delivered. 5. I can change it myself. 6. The car has a carburetor and real seat belts - I can't work on fuel injectors and I hate air bags and motorized mouse seat belts.

If you have the guts, write or call with your comments and questions. The most obnoxious will be published in a future column. Upon request, I will send anyone a free commemorative empty Trak Auto oil bottle personally autographed by Greasy George himself (enclose $1.00 for postage and handling). Hurry! Supplies are limited! At last count, I am down to less than fifty empty oil bottles and must emphasize first come, first served!

George Carey
P. O. Box 493
Batavia, IL 60510
(708) 879-0116

RESERVATION

Name: Jim Spencer Year '81 (mϕ)

Number of People 2 Amount Enclosed 48

I plan on attending the tailgate party. Yes____ No X

Make Checks Payable to AXP Graduate Chapter.

Reteurn to: John Scannell
60 Prospect Street
Rutland, Massachusetts 01543

DO NOT WAIT - MAIL THIS TODAY!!!!!!!!!!!

Board of Directors

by Mike Henry '92

Greetings from the Board

The year is almost through and it looks like we made it!! A round of thanks should go to the undergraduate brotherhood, and especially to the treasurer Jeff Moderno, for making it through with no monetary support from the board. This will be the first time is several years that the undergraduates were able to collect the majority that was due them and to stay within their budget.

Although we made it through this year the hard times are not over. It looks as though not all the brothers will be returning for next year and this shall make it challenging to again stay within budget. Hopefully we will be able to have a strong RUSH and the board can begin to look toward the future and not dwell on monetary problems.

The collections for old debt are moving along swiftly and shall soon be behind us. With the policies in effective by the undergraduate brothers and the board on room and board this problem will hopefully not reoccur in the future.

Last newsletter we mentioned that an accountant was hired. With her help we will begin to build a strong financial report and began to prepare for the day when we will be able to use the building fund moneys.

As a final note I would like to mention that Rob Bergland will be vacating the board in September at homecoming. The Board meeting will be at 9 am on Homecoming. Anyone interested in filling the vacant seat should contact one of the current board members and plan on attending the meeting. Future goals of the board are to be discussed.

Everything You Wanted To Know About Sex, Drugs, & Violence At WPI

Monday, November 14
Perrault Hall
8:00 - 10:00 pm

Speakers:

Sgt. Rose Naughton, WPI Police Dept.
"Domestic Violence"

Dr. Mary Cox, WPI Healthy Alternatives
"Party Games and Social Pressure"

Rev. Keith R. Burkes
"Hazing and Date Rape"

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WPI THIS WEEK

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THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF RUNNING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

On **Tuesday, Nov. 15**, the WPI Venture Forum presents **"Employees -- Nuts and Bolts"** at 6:30 p.m. in Salisbury Labs.

Judith B. Geller, president of J. B. Geller Consulting Inc. of Dudley will discuss hiring steps, documentation fundamentals, and what to do when things go wrong. (Geller specializes in assisting entrepreneurial organizations with their human resources functions.)

Kevin Ladd, president and founder, and Don McInnis, chief executive officer, of SpeedSim, Inc. of Westford, will conduct the case presentation. SpeedSim, Inc., formed in 1993, develops and distributes a software product targeted at high-speed, logic simulation for Electrical Design Automation (EDA).

A panel will discuss the case and audience participation will address the best methods to attract seed and first round financing, the valuation that should be on the company at this point, and whether or not the company should rely on U.S. distribution.

The meeting is open to the public. Admission is $5. Registration is at 6 p.m.

TALK ON SOCIAL ISSUES TO BE HELD

On **Monday, Nov. 14**, Sgt. Rose Naughton of the campus police department, Mary Cox of the Healthy Alternatives Office, and Rev. Keith R. Burkes will discuss domestic violence and social pressures related to alcohol, hazing, and date rape. The event, which will be held from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Perreault Hall, is sponsored by Alpha Chi Rho, Healthy Alternatives, and the campus police department. A question and answer period will follow each presentation, and refreshments will be served. The event is open to the entire community. For more information, call Bob Tonning at 755-4139.

DON'T MISS THE 1994 HULL LECTURE!

On **Tuesday, Nov. 15**, Juliet Schor, a senior lecturer on economics, and director of the Women's Studies Program at Harvard University, will present **"Overworked Americans: Reflections on Time, Work, and Money"** at 4 p.m. in Kinnicutt Hall. Schor's book, *The Overworked American*, was chosen for: *Business Week*, best business books of 1992; *Los Angeles Times*, best business books of 1992; *New York Times*, notable books of 1992; and *Boston Globe*, editor's choice for non-fiction books of 1992.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED

The Office of Admissions will hold an open house on **Friday, Nov. 11**. Over 800 people are expected to visit the campus to learn more about the WPI Plan, to receive campus tours and to attend presentations on student activities and student life. All faculty and staff (except those with medical concerns) should attempt to park in the periphery parking lots belonging to WPI, or on adjacent city streets. The Quadrangle will be used as the major parking location for all participants in the program.

PREPARE FOR THE AWARDS COMPETITION

An Oral Presentation Workshop to prepare applicants for the President's IQP Awards Competition will be held **Wednesday, Nov. 16**, in Salisbury Labs 104 at 4:30 p.m. Please call Barbara McCarthy at ext. 5939 for more information.

SHARE THE HARVEST

Any faculty/staff member that wishes to bring a WPI student home for Thanksgiving should contact Rita Shilansky in the student activities office at ext. 5291.

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Homecoming 1994

30th Anniversary of DST and 15th Anniversary of AXP

This years' homecoming was the fifth - 5 year anniversary bash celebrating 15 years of AXP affiliation and 30 years of Fraternal ties as DST. The day started with the greatly anticipated Grad Chapter meeting where a case of libation was enjoyed by those who attended. Things are going extremely well at the house so there was little to discuss, but the meeting still lasted an hour (until the case was gone). The election came as a great shock, leaving three of last years officers unchanged and unopposed. They must be doing a fantastic job. The only change in the officers is the election of **Jimmy Nichols** to graduate adviser. The President - **Mike Lemberger**, Treasurer - **Dan Falla**, and Secretary - **Pete Anamasi**. It was announced that Undergraduate House Meetings are now being held on Tuesdays rather than Wednesdays.

Upon conclusion of the meeting everyone proceeded to the Quad for a major tailgate party organized by **Mark Stanley**. We reserved two parking spots up in our corner of the quad and barbecued on that perfect Saturday afternoon. We had almost 80 people up on the quad having fun, listening to the local WPI grassroots band, and attending the WPI football game.

After the tailgate party we invited everyone to participate in a "room contest" to pick: the cleanest room, the most unique room and the party'est room, in an attempt to have those who haven't seen the house in a while take a better look. We know everyone enjoyed seeing their old rooms. The winners of the contest were presented at the Semi-Formal Dinner later that evening. The winner of both the neatest room and the party room was the 2nd floor closet (the room at the foot at the stairs to the third floor), and the winner of the most unique room was the Treasurer's room (first single on the right on the third floor).

The reception was held at the Holden Hills Country Club, where we enjoyed a great sit down dinner followed by presentation of the history of Alpha Chi Rho/Delta Sigma Tau. The speakers were **Jeff Semmel '68**, **Dan Prior '73**, **Dave Konieczny '80**, **Paul Lavigne '89**, and **Bob Tonning '95**. **Jim Nichols '86** was master of ceremonies.

The highlight of the presentation segment was the recognition of **JEFF SEMMEL** and **BEN THOMPSON** for their years of thankless service to the Fraternity. Each was given a commemorative plaque. Sue Semmel received a bouquet of roses for her great support and understanding..

After the presentation, the Brothers, their families and friends, enjoyed listening to the DJ, and danced the night away. Needless to say a good time was had by all who participated.

Very special thanks to **John Scannel '85** and his wife **Doreen** for their hard work in planning the event. John's Homecoming '94 Committee included **Mark Stanley '85**, **George Graw '86**, **Jim Nichols '86**, **Paul Lavigne '89**, **Mike Lemberger '91**, and Fraternal Officer **Art Rossomando '97**. I hope that those of you who attended, and those who couldn't make it, schedule Homecoming of 1999 to celebrate the next 5th year anniversary.

ALPHA CHI RHO NATIONAL CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

Hartford, CT. June 1-4, 1995

DELTA SIGMA PHI CHAPTER RECEPTION - Saturday, June 3

The AXP National Convention will be held early this year to coincide with the anniversary of Alpha Chi Rho's founding on June 4th, 1895 in Hartford, Ct. The Convention will be held at the Farmington Marriott located just south of Hartford. The convention will open on Thursday, June 1 and close on Sunday, June 4. The culmination of the convention will be the Feast of the Fraternity which will be held on Saturday evening. The Delta Sigma Phi Chapter will host a reception open to all Brothers following the feast in a hospitality suite at the Marriott.

Our chapter is hoping for a large number of our graduates to attend the convention this year since this is the 100th anniversary and the site is so close to many of our members. Many Brothers have indicated a desire to attend. While not everyone can get time off from work to attend the entire convention, certainly our members can make an effort to attend at least Saturday's events or maybe possibly all the scheduled weekend events.

A schedule of events and a registration form have been included with this issue of the newsletter for your convenience. Please make an effort to attend if possible.

A Message from the Graduate Chapter

by Peter J. Anamasi '92
Graduate Chapter Secretary

Greetings and salutations to all of the Graduate Brothers! This short note is to let you all know how the Graduate Chapter is doing. Dan Falla '91 reports that to date he has received 55 checks for graduate chapter dues. These checks have resulted in an additional $385 for the Building Fund and $290 for the Rush Fund! He hopes that people will keep sending in their dues payments as well as donations to these two funds.

As many of you know, the younger members in our Graduate Chapter are constantly on the move. Whether they are changing companies or moving to a new apartment, their addresses and phone numbers constantly change. As a result of their activities, many of the addresses we have are not current. I am formally asking anyone who has moved within the last year or is planning on moving to forward their new address to the graduate chapter address on the envelope the newsletter came in. Additionally, if you know of anyone who has moved, please send their addresses in as well. It doesn't really matter to me if I get 2 or 3 copies of a person's new address, as long as I get the correct one. So please, if you can, help us to keep our address database current so we can continue to provide you with our excellent newsletter. Thanks for your help! Go Crow!

ATTENTION: WE NEED YOUR NEW ADDRESS! SEND IT IN!! STAY IN TOUCH!!

18 PLEDGED - 16 INITIATED!

GRADS RUN WORKSHOP
by Jim Nichols '86, Grad Advisor

Our Undergrads had a fine RUSH this past fall, pledging 18 men in November . Sixteen of them went on to be initiated in February. RUSH this year was an example of good people attracting more good people to join. **RUSH Chairman Joe Magnoti '97 and Postulant Educator Jose Orbegozo '96** deserve high praise for their hard work.

A RUSH Work Shop was organized by the GRADS for the second year in a row prior to the start of RUSH in September. The event was held at 125 Kenberma (the famous house that has been rented by Grads for several years now) in Worcester. **Jim Nichols '86**, **Jeff Semmel '68**, and **Pete Anamasi '92** facilitated the event.

The Newly Initiated Brothers are: **Radoslav Viktorin '98** (Milford, MA), **Theo Panton '98** (NY State), **Brian Bresnahan '98** (Holliston, MA), **Sean Gregory '98** (East Taunton, MA), **Mark Forget '98** (Douglas, MA), **Istifan Ghanem '98** (Saudi Arabia), **Derek Vachon '98** (Springvale, ME), **Doug Sullivan '98** (Hopkinton, MA), **Luke Poppish** (Litchfield, ME), **Andre Orbegozo '98** (Bridgeport, CT), **Ken Knowles '98** (Hooksett, NH), **Pete Wysoki '98** (Haworth, NJ), **Jason Bourgouis** '98(Pawtucket, RI), **Brian Carey '98** (Wrentham, MA), **Tony Oses '98** (Miami Spring, FL), and **Lino Brosco 98** (Methuen, MA).

These new Brothers are a committed and exciting group!

UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

by Jim Nichols' 86, Graduate Advisor

The undergraduates have been doing well and having fun. Here are some miscellaneous highlights of the year.

Matt Tricomi '97 was elected to the IFC Executive Board as Scholarship Officer. In September, the traditional "S*X on the Beach" party was held which resulted in the Chapter receiving 8 weeks social probation for violating the BYOB policy and serving punch.

Fall community service included working at a haunted house, donating food to a homeless shelter, cleaning up Dean St., and participating in a cancer walk-a-thon. Also, AXP donated $2 to MS for every rushee who participated in their Car Smash rush event.

This spring the chapter held elections once again of course and had several good parties. Impromptu social gatherings have been popular in the basement thanks to the enthusiasm of the New members.

A spring rush was held due to the support and prodding of **Jeff Semmel '68**. We will have another new member thanks to it.

Graduate Appreciation Day was held on April 22nd. The undergraduates put on a real good feed and the grads appreciated their hospitality. During the day there was basketball, softball, cards, etc... followed by a band party at night.

NATIONAL RATES WPI CROWS A 4.58 OUT OF 5

The undergraduates received a visit from AXP National Consultant Steve Nelson January 24-27. Steve rated the chapter in several areas using what is called a PRIDE evaluation. We received an overall PRIDE Score of 4.58 out of a possible 5 points.

This high score was earned by the undergraduates, but they expect to do better next time.

ALUMNI APPRECIATION DAY

We had another successful alumni day this year. The Undergrad involvement was better than the last couple of years and it was good to see the new class taking an active role. We played hoop and softball all day. The bar-b-que was excellent. This year the Undergrads cooked up chicken along with the usual burgers and dogs. It added a great touch to dinner. Hopefully we will get a better Grad turn out next year.

We are going to start a new trend this newsletter. From now on we will be putting the minutes from the grad chapter meetings in the letter.

Attendance - **Mike Henry**, **Jay McGaffigan**, **Pete Anamasi**, **Mike Lemberger**, **Rob Stacey**, **Jimmy Nichols**, **Paul Lavigne**, **John Woodziak**, **Dan Falla**, **Ben Thompson**, **Jeff Semmel**, **Mark Stanley**- Undergrads - **John Stewart**, **Alex Patrao**

Graduate Advisor Update:
-Had a great sex on the beach party which put them on probation for 6 weeks
-Banned 3 brothers from the house because they were disruptive
-16 nibs out of 18 pledged (Wow!!)
-Risk Management Seminar - 250 people attended
-Helped out @ Haunted house, food to homeless, $ to MS for car smash, Dean street Clean up
- May 20th Graduation- Appreciation Ceremony following at house for graduating seniors - Everyone is invited.

New Business
- We will be holding a reception in a convention suite @ the Hotel everyone is invited
- Grad chapter delegates to the convention -**Pete Anamasi** & **Jimmy Nichols** Alternates - **Mike Henry** & **Paul Lavigne**
- **Mark Stanley** was elected Homecoming '95 Chairman. It was decided at a past meeting that even for non-anniversary years, we should choose a grad Brother to work with the undergrads to coordinate the day's events.
- Voted to allocate $225 to rent a suite for a Delta Sigma Phi reception at the 100th AXP Convention in June.

Discussion
- Housing Update - a team is looking into the possible purchase of a house on Dean St. If a move to purchase is made, a meeting will be held and all Brothers will be given an opportunity to vote.
- **Paul Lavigne's** going away party is going to be May 27 at Kenberma

ALPHA CHI RHO SPONSORS SEX, DRUGS, & VIOLENCE SEMINAR

A seminar titled "Everything you wanted to know about Sex, Drugs, & Violence" at WPI was jointly sponsored by the Delta Sigma Phi Chapter of AXP, WPI Healthy Alternatives, and the WPI Campus Police. Over 250 attended the seminar held 11/14/94 at Perrault Hall on the WPI Campus. The event had been heavily advertised in the Worcester area with a listing in the Worcester Telegram as well as notices on the WPI campus through Newspeak and the WPI Cable TV System. Brother **Keith Burkes '77** opened the presentation with a discussion on hazing and date rape while Sgt. Rose Naughton of the WPI Campus Police spoke about domestic violence and Dr. Mary Cox of WPI Healthy Alternatives spoke about party games and social pressure. The seminar was partly funded by the AXP Educational Foundation and the WPI Student Speakers Fund.

Hire A Crow

By Jim Nichols '86, Graduate Advisor

The following seniors are looking for jobs. Please help them out if you can. Resumes are available upon request. You can contact these men at 8 Boynton St. (508)755-4139 or at their home numbers after May.

ROBERT TONNING, B.S. CIVIL ENGINEERING - Home Tel # (401) 885-6585

- Seeking employment utilizing civil, environmental, and/or transportation education
- MQP - Route 12 Improvement
- IQP - "Quabbin Reservoir Story" - Developed and Taught course
- Computer Skills - Basic, FORTRAN, Auto CAD
- Experience - Supervisor of Contractors for RI Bridge Job
- Leadership - AXP President, House Manager, Fraternal Officer, Correspondent

JEFFREY MODDERNO, B.S. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING - Home Tel # (718) 948-0180

- Seeking employment using ME education
- MQP - Design of electronic programmable speed sensing switch for Daze Controls Corp.
- IQP - Developed and Taught 5th Grade Science & Technology Course
- Skills - Computer Aided Manufacturing, CAD, Robotics
- Computer Skills - C Programming, UNIX, Excel, DacEasy Accounting
- Leadership - AXP Treasurer (2 years), Asst. House Manager & Social officer

The two individuals above have been outstanding leaders in our fraternity. They have shown tremendous strength of character and deserve a large chunk of the credit for pulling Alpha Chi Rho out of some tougher times and making it strong again. As president, Bob has consistently earned the respect of the Brothers, the Hill, National, the WPI Police, and the IFC. His skill at running house meetings is legendary. Jeff took over as Treasurer at a time when the Chapters' finances were very poor. His two years as Treasurer has brought our Chapters books back to the excellence we expect.

I am sure that they will not have much of a problem getting a job....**BUT DO YOUR COMPANY A FAVOR AND GRAB THEM FIRST!**

GRADUATION RECEPTION TO BE MAY 20th

by Jim Nichols '86

The Graduate Chapter will be hosting a reception for graduating seniors and there families following WPI's graduation ceremonies on Saturday, June 20th. This will be the fourth year we have held this event. It gives us an opportunity to welcome the new graduates into the Graduate Chapter and to remind them that their membership in Alpha Chi Rho is life-long. They are given a brief overview of the organization and function of the Graduate Chapter and the Building Corporation and are presented with our bylaws. It is also a good opportunity to thank the families for their support of the fraternity.

This event has been a great success, but we would like to see a few more grads turn out this year. The festivities will start a 2:00pm. Coat and Tie optional.

Here's who's graduating:

Name	Major	Status
Jeff Modderno	ME	Will work for food
Bob Tonning	Civil	Will work for beer
Glen Gaebe	ME	Grad School, WPI, BioMed
Rob Jackson	ME	Grad School, WPI, Fire Protection
Tom Forcier	ME	Grad School, WPI, Fire Protection
Cory Shimer	EE	
Chris Pisz	EE	Has a Job
Mike Teliszewski	ME	
Jeff Whyte	ME	Job, UMASS Medical Center Power Plant
Nicolai Yurkanin	ME	

We need Graduate attendance, let's welcome our newest Grad's!

Board of Directors

by Paul Lavigne '89

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD

Fall Meeting:

At our annual meeting at last homecoming there were some changes in the Board. First I would like to thank **Robert Bergland** and **Chet Prezbylowicsz** on the services as Board members, both of their terms expired this year.

In a change to the Bylaws of the Board the number of graduate members was reduced to 4 with each member serving for 4 years, as opposed to 5. The current Undergraduate President was made a full voting member of the board.

We are currently working to create a set of bylaws that will govern the Association, which consists of the graduate and undergraduate chapters as well as the board of directors. These bylaws will be needed for any future decisions concerning the use of the building fund moneys.

The Board is currently working with the Undergraduates in pursuing a possible new house that is for sale on Dean Street. We are currently working to get estimates and determine the feasibility of this house for the fraternity.

A note of congratulations to the newest board member **Timothy O'Connor '92**.

The current members of the board of directors is as follows:

Paul Lavigne '89 -Secretary term expires 1995
Michael Henry '92 - Chairman - term expires 1996
David Colombo '92 - Treasurer - term expires 1997
Timothy O'Connor '92 - term expires 1998
Robert Tonning '95 - Undergraduate President

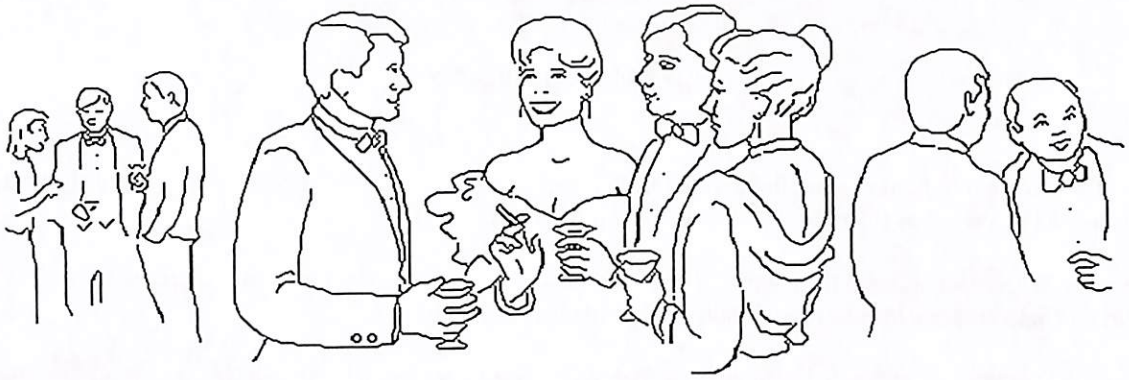
Spring Meeting:

The year is almost through and it looks like we made it!! A round of thanks should go to the undergraduate brotherhood, and especially to the treasurer Jeff Modderno, for making it through with no monetary support from the board. This will be the first time is several years that the undergraduates were able to collect the majority that was due them and to stay within their budget.

Although we made it through this year the hard times are not over. It looks as though not all the brothers will be returning for next year and this shall make it challenging to again stay within budget. Hopefully we will be able to have a strong RUSH and the board can begin to look toward the future and not dwell on monetary problems.

The collections for old debt are moving along swiftly and shall soon be behind us. With the policies in effective by the undergraduate brothers and the board on room and board this problem will hopefully not reoccur in the future.

Last newsletter we mentioned that an accountant was hired. With her help we will begin to build a strong financial report and began to prepare for the day when we will be able to use the building fund moneys.



Sparky's Gossip

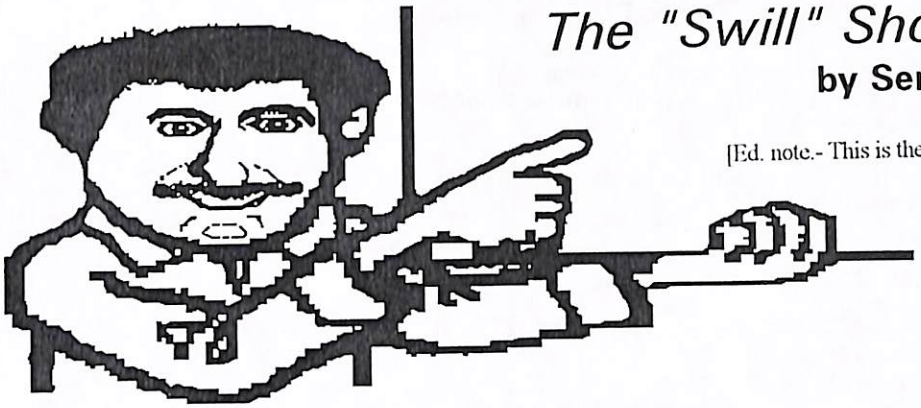
by Mark Stanley '85

Congratulations to **Dan Falla '91** on his October 8th wedding in Clinton, ME to Tammy Frost. Dan and Tammy will make Chicopee their home. Dan is employed as a Distribution Engineer at Massachusetts Electric...**Mike Lemberger '91** was recently promoted to Development Engineer at Norton in Worcester...**Bill '85** and Barbara **Baron** announce the birth of their first child, Emily Elizabeth born 03/03/95...**Jay McGaffigan '92** has joined the staff of TASC in Bedford, MA...Congratulations to '**John Siegenthaler '87** on recently earning his law degree in patent law from the Maine School of Law in Portland...**Steve Baturin '84** has started his own computer consulting business based in Norwood, MA...**Walter Daly '91** has been promoted to US Navy Lieutenant and is stationed in Virginia Beach...**Ara Yeghiayan '85** has recently made stops in Worcester and visited the House to check things out...Congratulations to **John Swindell '92** on his engagement to Amy Klebes...**Pete Anamasi '92** has moved to Brooklyn, NY to be closer to his job in NYC as Structural Engineer at Edwards and Kelcey...Congratulations to **John '87** and Carol **McEnaney** on the birth of a son, Thomas Phillips born 11/30/94...**Rick Brodeur '68** became a Project Engineer in November with Aydin Vector in their RF transmitter engineering group...**Nathan York '94** was married in Newport, RI to Victoria Green in August. Nathan is an ensign in the Navy assigned to a frigate based out of Virginia...**Don '94** and Kim **Cournoyer** have settled in O'Fallon, Il while Don is stationed at Scot Air Force Base...**Dave Columbo '92** has accepted a position at WR Beck in Framingham, MA...**Jay Cameron '83** writes that he has completed his Masters in Metallurgy from the RPI Hartford Graduate Center. Jay, his wife Charlene, and their two children continue to live in East Windsor, CT...**Jeff Remillard '85** is currently enrolled in the Computer Science Masters Program at WPI...**Ken '90** and Dawn **Carpenter** moved to a new home in Stafford Springs, CT this past summer. Ken also has taken a new position at Aetna in Hartford...Congratulations to **Kevin Duprey '91** on his marriage to Terry Corderro in September...**Rob Stacey '94** has accepted a software position at Epsilon in NH...**Paul Lavigne '89** has accepted an assignment in Benin, West Africa as a math teacher for the Peace Corps. This assignment is more difficult than you would expect as Paul will have to teach in Benin's main language, French. Good luck Paul.

It was great to see the large turnout of grads at the 30th Anniversary Party. Many grads made a big effort to attend coming from long distances. Some grads of special note are **John McEnaney '87** and his wife Carol who came from PA, **George Carey '71** came out from Chicago, **Pat Tormey '86** and his wife Mary-Ann from North Carolina, **Rick '68** and Sue **Brodeur** along with their two sons Eric and Tim from PA, **Curt Duffy '87** of Los Angeles, **Keith Burkes** from Columbus, OH, and **Jeff Clark '72** from New Jersey.

It is with deep regret that the death **of Stephen Greenberg '73** is announced. We recently learned from a relative that he passed away October 10, 1993.

Hewitty's Trivia Corner



The "Swill" Shop

by Senõr Steve (El Hewitty) Leece '69

[Ed. note.- This is the speach Hewitty was to give at the Homecoming celebration]

Hail cheers and greetings, pavos.

Certainly am sorry to miss this festive occasion tonight. It is certain that I'm much sorrier to not be there than you are sorry that I'm not here. Except you are probably very sorry that Semmel is publishing this. So now that we've determined that we are one sorry lot. Let's get on with the drivel.

Now I want everybody from class of seventy six ('76) and earlier to stand up. Earlier means sixty five to seventy six. Stand up. Ok. Do you realize that you became an alumnus before most of the current freshmen were born?? Does that make you feel old and useless? It should. And all the rest of you sitting down ... Do you always run around with a bunch of old farts?

Anyway, to try to bridge some of this thirty year generation gap, I thought I'd try to trivially contrast the conditions for the freshman entering in September 1964 with freshman entering this year.

For example, 1964 had draft boards; 1994 has AIDS. Both are lethal. The thing is, getting drafted was never fun. Never. Let me tell you. If we could have prevented the draft by wearing condoms we would have worn them everywhere. Full body length jobs. Condom hats and ties. Condom ties would have been useful back when you had to wear a tie in the Morgan Hall dining room. Just dump the inedible in the tie and flush.

And speaking of condoms, back then, they cost twenty five cents from the machine in the truck stop bathroom or three for a dollar if you got up the guts to ask the druggist. It's cheaper now. Kids just drop them in mom's shopping cart like candy bars or dip them from the bowl in the nurse's office.

By the way, did you know it was against the law in Worcester to display or sell contraceptives to people under twenty-one back than?

Twenty-one was a magic number for freshman of nineteen sixty four. You cold drink and vote at twenty-one. Of course you could be drafted and killed in war at eighteen. Now frosh can vote but cannot be drafted or drink. But drinking is perhaps even worse.

Back than you could check out a beer from the fridge for twenty five cents. Drinks from the bar at a party ran twenty five to fifty cents. Today, liability insurance costs thousands of dollars and lawsuits cost millions. Isn't it amazing that with the exponential growth in murder, rape, abuse, drugs, drive by shootings, and gangs in the past thirty years the lawyers have managed to focus on beer in fraternities as a real social ill?

I think Europe has the right idea. Typically, the drinking age is sixteen. But you can't get a driver's license till eighteen. And guns are not in fashion. It is truly amazing how a McDonalds swillburger is improved with a beer in hand. All the fast food places serve beer. By and large, it is much easier for a kid with a car to get a drink in the US than it is for a kid with a drink to get a car in Europe.

Back in September of sixty four, we all had beanies, signs and slide rules. I guess now the signs are as dead as the slide rules and pocket computers are replacing pocket calculators. Don't be .surprised if beanies and bow ties make a fashion comeback. I keep hoping for the return of hotpants.

Another big difference is the number of women on campus. The number of women in the freshman class in September sixty four was exactly zero. I believe the addition of women in class is truly a change for the better. The only concern I have is when I recall the difficulty we had concentrating on many of the lectures in Olin Hall. It was tough then, but with the additional distraction of females in class I suspect it would be disaster.

Something the new folks will miss is the opportunity to join the ROTC special farces group called "recondos". I understand this gang of merry men was disbanded some years ago. Anyhow, recondos like Sessel and Brodeur would dress up in jungle colored army costumes and run around in the fields all day getting dirty and annoying the cows. I don't think they were ever given bullets to shoot, but that didn't keep them from coming back filthy and smelling positively foul.

Speaking of foul, a landmark of foulness from the past has been transformed into a moderately yuppie (is that still an operative word?) Establishment. It used to be that the Boynton was a real dump. But it had character, kind of like the characters you see sleeping under bridges. It used to be you could get a cold glass of Knickerbocker beer for fifteen cents. The seats were grimy and the bar was wiped sometimes. They had a sandwich heating machine in plain view because the law said they had to provide food. I don't think anyone would ever have considered eating a sandwich there. Even the character from under the bridge.

Frosh in nineteen sixty four had dean Bernie Brown. Frosh today have Dean Bernie Brown. Some things never change. However, one ought to question the sanity of a person who would make a career out of taking care of bozos like are sitting here tonight for thirty years.

Important thing today's frosh will never have the chance to experience: Doc Heller "red vector physics"; Beverly's lima beans; lectures from Mrs. Langley; pilgrimages to the Wienerwald; TKE sewer parties; buying dirty movies from Nils the campus cop; Uncle Milton; civil defense pledge pins; and Suzy Creamcheeze. For those of you who haven't a clue, one of the really old farts will be happy to explain.

One thing that the current crop of frosh have that we did not seem to have, at least not as much, is consequence for their actions. It seems that despite draft boards, there are a lot more ugly things waiting to kill kids today than there were in nineteen sixty four. The fraternity has always been a place where a person can get support in dealing with those awful things. That's why a strong and nurturing and concerned grad chapter is so important. And that's why we should support the house, particularly now during rush. So if you haven't contributed to the rush challenge fund, please do so tonight. Give some of today's freshmen the opportunity to reminisce like this thirty years from now.

Thanks for listening, and I'll drink to that! Senor Hewitty

CROWnet Update
by Chris Duggan '83

A few months ago we started CROWnet, an informal electronic mailing list for AXP/DST Brothers around the country. This has allowed the Graduate Chapter to go on-line with event announcements and other business.

Our distribution has grown to about 40 Brothers, and I must admit that it's been great fun hearing from everyone. There's got to be a lot more of us out there, so keep sending in those email addresses.

This week I received the farthest CROWnet link yet. Brother Jim Myran, working in Taipei, writes:

> "Even if I can't attend the events it's fun to know that they're going on. Please saya hello to all the cybercrows."
> Jim

I also received a terrific message recently from Brother Jay McGaffigan '92. Jay had contacted me in September about a student he was tutoring who has a learning disability. They had discovered that the student could learn better using a computer, but unfortunately, the computer equipment Jay had for him was broken. So Jay wrote an appeal to the Brothers and sent it out on CROWnet. Last week, I received the following message:

> "I am not sure if I told you, but in response to that post you sent to the brothers on the internet (about the computer) Matt Mooney was able to get me a full system! for the special needs student!! It's reasons like this I decided to join Alpha Chi Rho!!"
> Jay

Hats off to Jay and Matt, and to the other Brothers who offered equipment for a good cause !!

Here is our current mailing list. If you have corrections to this list, or email addresses for Brothers that aren't on the list, please send them to me at:

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See you on the net . . .

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Delta Sigma Phi

Greetings to all fellow brothers from the Delta Sigma Phi chapter. We hope everything is going great for all of you...

The first semester has once again proven to be a most productive one for the Worcester Crows, both within the chapter as well as in the community. To begin the year, Delta Sigma Phi held a duel celebration during Homecoming weekend, commemorating our 15th anniversary as an AXP chapter, as well as our 30th anniversary as Delta Sigma Tau, our local chapter here at WPI. The weekend's festivities were attended by a few hundred undergrads, alumni and family, and was even attended by Mr. Kevin Brodeur, the first official brother in our chapter's history.

Our rush begin the following week, and through much hard work by the entire brotherhood, a house of 28 undergraduates was able to give out 25 bids, 18 of which signed with us. We are very happy with our Postulant class, which, incredibly, has been unified since the first day of Postulancy. This class is proving to be one of the strongest that our chapter has seen in a great many years... Congratulations to these men for choosing to join the greatest fraternity on the face of this earth: Alpha Chi Rho!

In addition to this, our house recently updated its academic potential, as we purchased a new 486/66 house computer, as well as a new laser printer (with the help of National, of course!) We have also instituted new incentive programs internally, with the aim of placing more emphasis on the importance of academics.

Speaking of scholastics, Delta Sigma Phi is proud to announce that at the recent IFC elections, Alpha Chi Rho's Matt Tricomi was elected to the position of IFC Scholarship. This position is one of seven voting IFC Executive Members, and possessing it will prove to be a most valuable asset to our house. Congratulations Matt!

As for activities at large, we held our fourth annual "Penny Wars" fundraiser in September, collecting nearly $700 for a shelter in the Worcester area. We also participated in a "Walk for Breast Cancer" held in Boston, MA. With help from WPI's entire Greek system, this event-managed to raise over one million dollars for breast cancer research.

In addition to these fine events, the brothers also participated in an annual "Adopt-a-Street" clean-up, as well as a charity "Haunted House", where our brothers take over the entire place and give customers their money's worth! Finally, Alpha Chi Rho created, organized, and sponsored a campus-wide seminar on domestic violence, alcohol and social pressures, hazing, and date rape. This event was attended by over 250 members of the WPI community, and featured one of our own, Reverend Keith R. Burkes. The evening was a huge success, and addressed many "hot topics" of college life, in addition to bringing a little good publicity our way!

In clsoing, the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi look forward to a very prosperous year, and we would enjoy hearing from some of our fellow brothers. If you're ever in the area, give us a call at (508) 755-4139. By the way,

Fraternally,
Bob Tonning

1995 CENTENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
June 1-4, 1995
Hartford, Connecticut

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1995

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Convention Registration
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Opening Session of National Convention
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Welcoming Reception
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Opening Banquet

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1995

7:45 a.m.	Buses leave for day at Mystic Seaport or Foxwoods Casino Spend a day at beautiful Mystic Seaport, Mystic Aquarium or visit the largest casino on the East Coast (casino bus recipients receive a $5 coupon of fun free from Foxwoods)
8:00 a.m.	Golf Tourney, Tennis Tourney begins Golf tournament is a best ball, 4 man scramble Tennis at hotel featuring hard true courts
5:00 p.m.	Buses leave from Mystic & Foxwoods for Hotel
7:00 p.m.	AXPEF Banquet, Presentation of Scholarships Featured address: Dr. Saul Cooperman (Phi Alpha - Lafayette) former Commissioner of Education of New Jersey

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1995

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Brunch honoring Past Presidents of AXP
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Closing Session of National Convention
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Awards Luncheon
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Alumni Reception
7:00 p.m.	Feast of the Fraternity/Dinner Dance (black tie optional attire) Dance immediately follows conclusion of the Feast

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1995

9:00 a.m.	Closing Brunch
11:00 a.m.	Non-denominational Service in Trinity College Chapel

PLEASE NOTE: We are scheduled for only 7 total hours of business meetings, the rest of the time will be available to enjoy yourself with everyone else attending!

CENTENNIAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM
June 1-4, 1995
Hartford, Connecticut

Use the following form to take advantage of the AXP Convention rate at the terrific Farmington Marriott. Registration for hotel rooms must occur before May 15, 1995. Complete this registration form for your room reservation as well as your reservation for various Convention rates. Childrens' meals are half priced. For special dietary needs, please call the HQ for details. NOTE: UNDERGRADUATE VOTING DELEGATES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM.

REGISTRATION FEE	COST PER PERSON (please indicate amount & number attending)		
	Price	# of People	Total Price
Graduate Brother (sweethearts & children free)	$ 40	_____	$_____
Undergraduate Brother (non-delegate)	$ 25	_____	$_____

MEAL FUNCTIONS			
Welcome Reception	Free	_____	
Opening Banquet (6-1-95)	$35	_____	$_____
AXPEF Banquet (6-2-95)	$35	_____	$_____
Saturday Brunch honoring Past Presidents (6-3-95)	$19	_____	$_____
Awards Luncheon (Brothers only)	$19	_____	$_____
Alumni Reception	Free	_____	
Feast of the Fraternity/Dinner Dance	$43	_____	$_____
Sunday Brunch (6-4-95)	$15	_____	$_____
		Total Price	$_____

Special Packages (includes registration fee & all meals, Brothers only at Awards Luncheon)

Graduate Brother & sweetheart	$310	$_____
Graduate Brother only	$195	$_____
Undergraduate Brother only	$180	$_____
Graduate Brother & sweetheart (Sat&Sun. only)	$180	$_____

Tour Bus to Mystic Seaport & Foxwoods Casino (June 2)

Note: children under 15 are free $25 _____ $_____

Soft drinks and snacks provided. No admission charge to Foxwoods. Mystic Aquarium and Seaport Museum have fees which are not included in this price.

Golf Tournament (per person, includes cart fees)	$45	_____	$_____
Tennis Tournament (per person)	$ 7	_____	$_____
		Total Amount Enclosed	$_____

ACCOMODATIONS

Please reserve accomodations for me/us at the Farmington Marriott (set in a beautiful corporate park, includes indoor & outdoor swimming pools, jacuzzi, jogging trails and much more!) at the special Alpha Chi Rho Convention rate of $72 per night. Price does not include sales tax of 12% - parking is free.

Arrival Date _____	Single Occupancy	_____
Departure Date _____	Double Occupancy	_____
With Whom will you be sharing a room?	Triple Occupancy	_____
_____	Quad Occupancy	_____

Please note: you must use a credit card to guarantee your room (MC/VISA/AMEX), you pay for your room yourself. You can pay your registration costs by check or credit card (MC/VISA only).

NAME _____ CHAPTER_____ YEAR_____

STREET_____ CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____

Credit Card # _____ Type: MC/VISA/AMEX Exp. Date_____

Send Registration to: Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity
109 Oxford Way
Neptune, NJ 07753

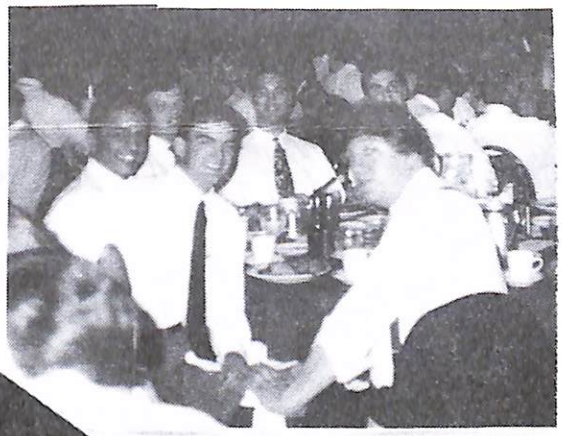
Questions? Please call 908-776-5500
FAX 908-988-5357

NATIONAL CONVENTION June 1995

100yr B-Day of AXP

Bob Tonning '95 and Mike Andrus '97 show off the **Curly Walden**

Feast of the Fraternity



HOMECOMING '94

Jeff Semmel

receives long overdue plaque of appreciation

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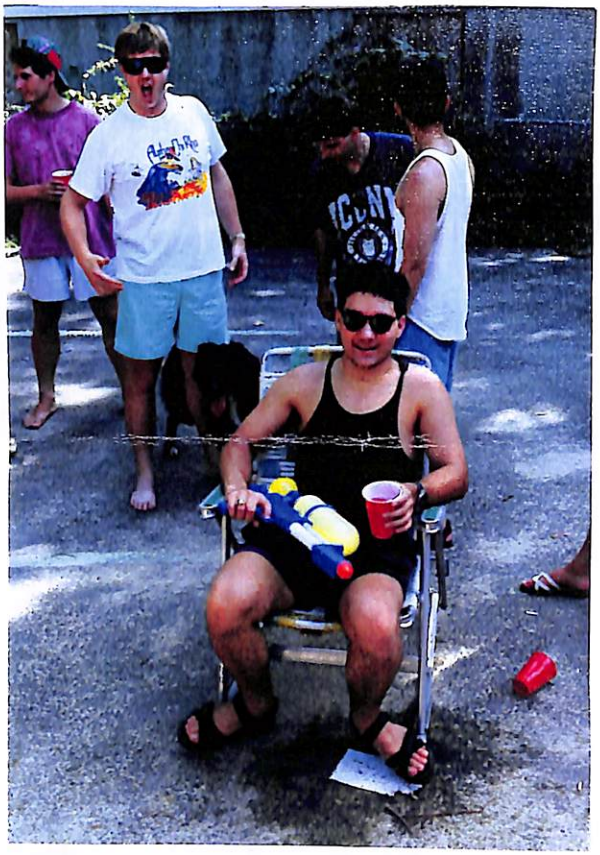
SUMMER PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS

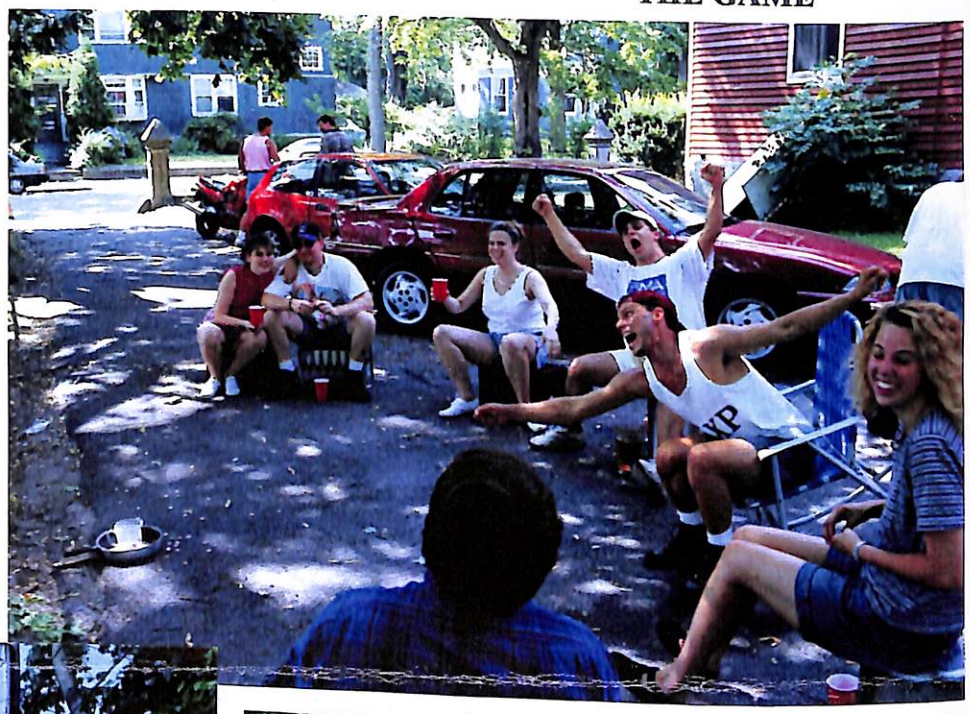
Good Turnout by Grads



Jeff McConnell '91 is alarmed by Mike Henry's ('92) big gun.

SOOCIALL!!!

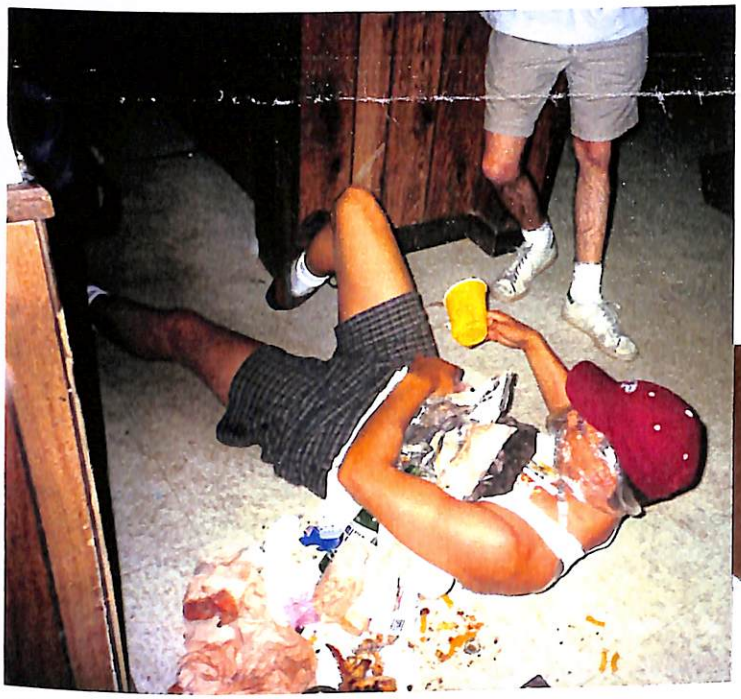
"THE GAME"



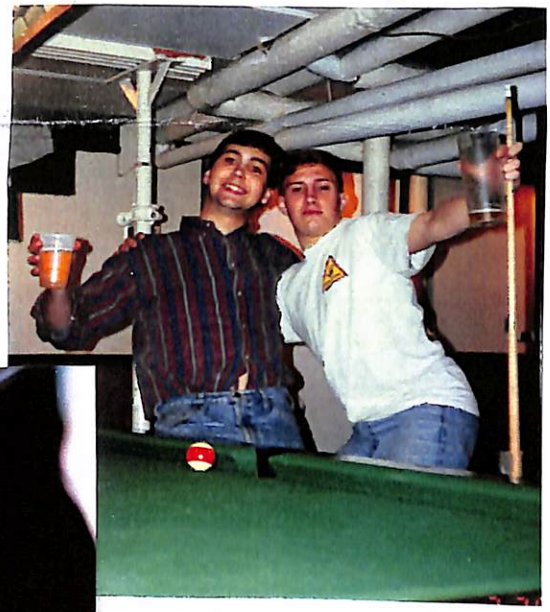
AXP's new **sand V-Ball court** is a really big hit.

The Happy Wanderer
Tony Beville '89 says goodbye to **Peace Corps Dude**
Paul Lavigne '89

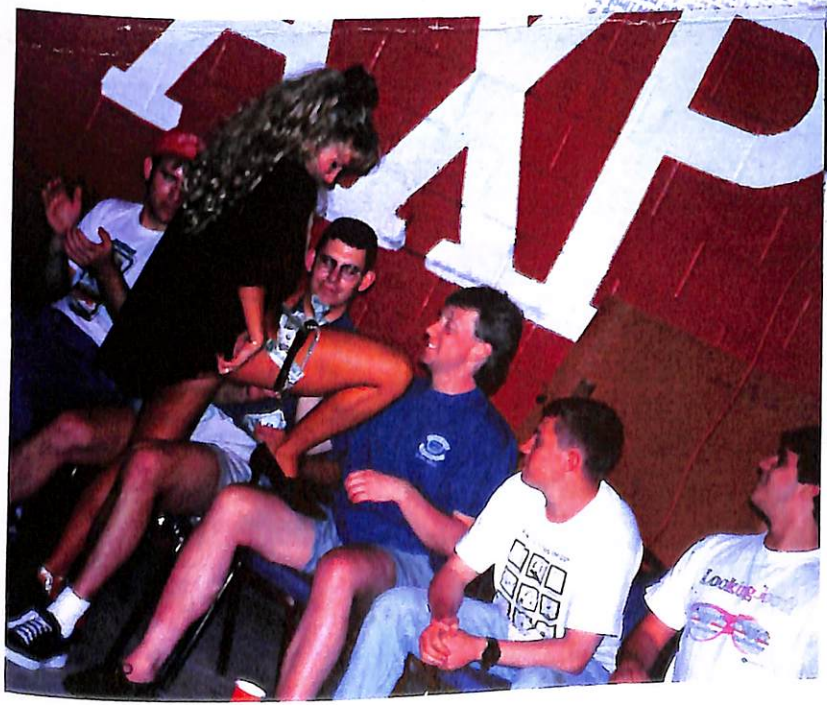
(Above)
New Grads enjoy a reception in their honor hosted by **Grad Chapter**

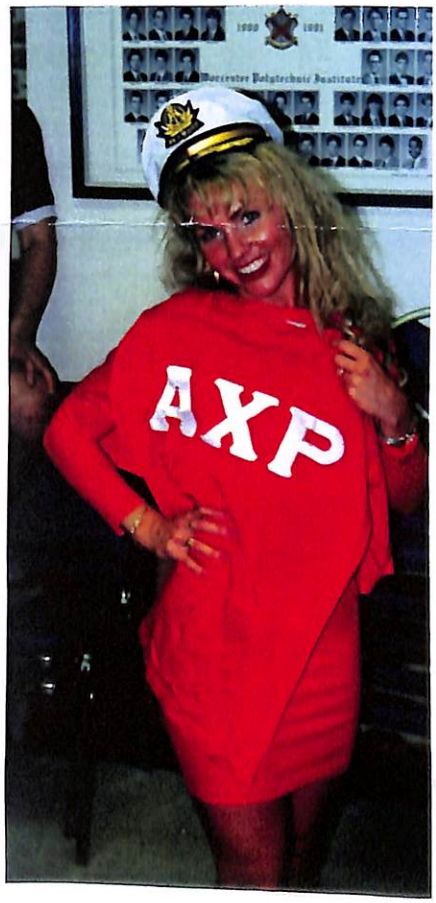


Grad Advisor Jim Nichols '86 shows the kids the proper way to **roll in garbage**

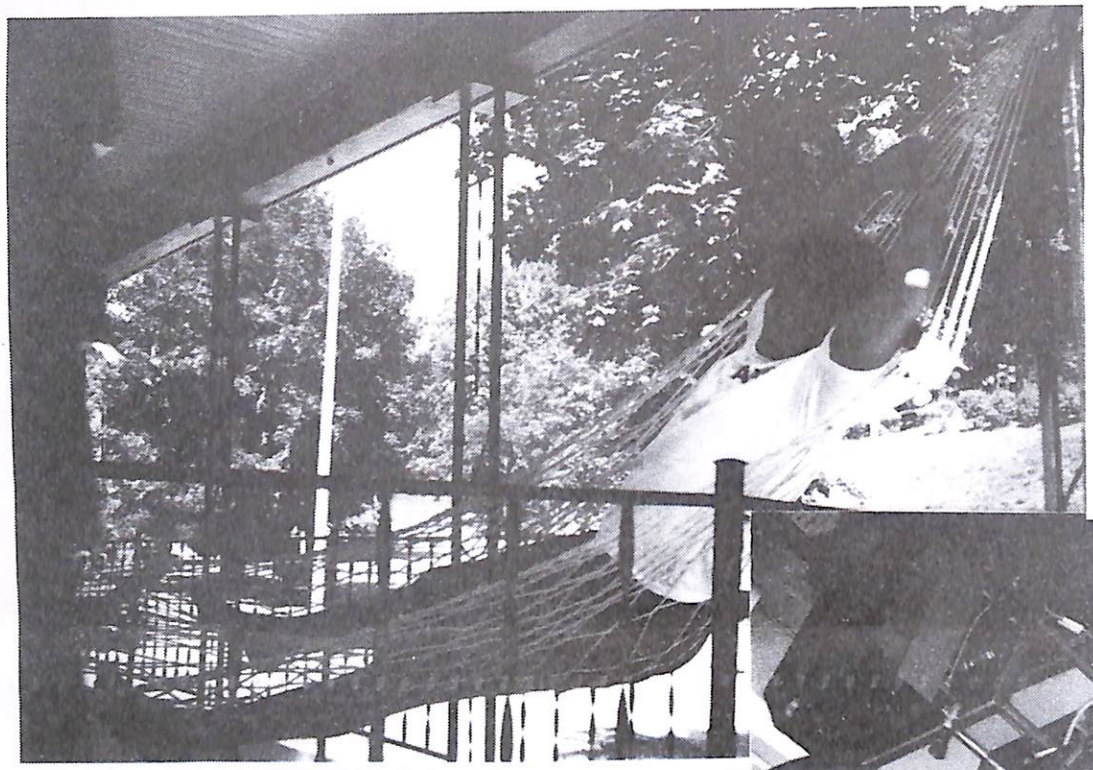


Looks like Walter has Bob beat again.



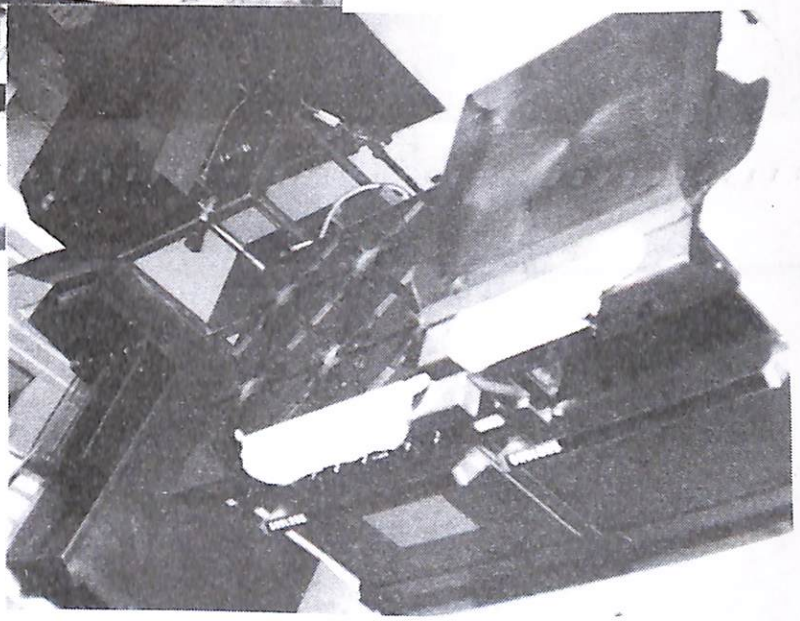


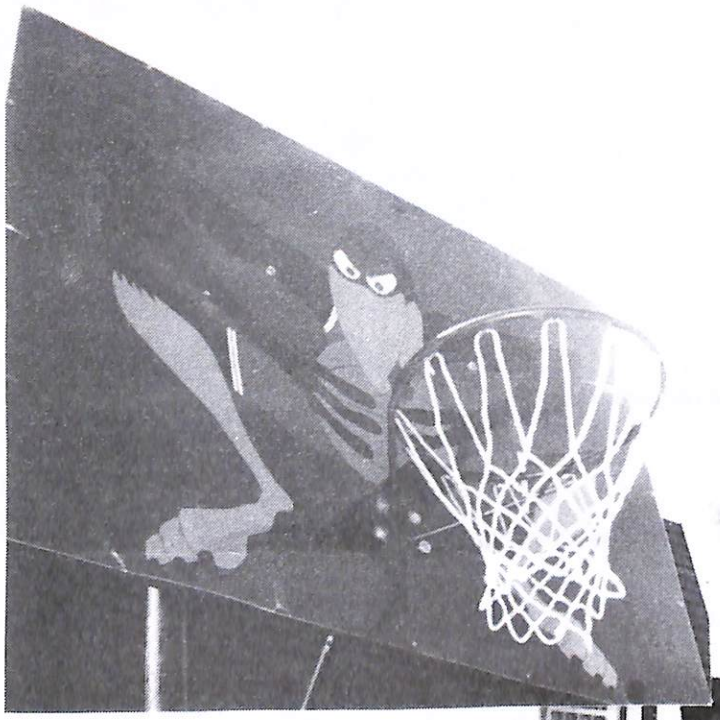
Another pre-wedding event @ AXP



WHAT'S NEW?

Brad Michaelis '97 relaxes on the porch at **49 Institute Rd**.





The kitchen has a new **6 burner stove**.

A mean **Crow backboard** is up and flying.

BEER PONG

returns to 8 Boynton!

The Newly colorized and Picture perfect

AXP & ΔΣT Newsletter

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CURLY AWARD WON AGAIN !

DELTA SIGMA PHI VICTORIOUS AT CONVENTION

The centennial celebration of the Alpha Chi Rho national fraternity was a huge success for the undergraduate chapter, as they took Hartford, Connecticut by storm in June and returned to Worcester with a truckload of awards, including the coveted "Curly" Walden award. In addition to being voted the best chapter in the nation. recently graduated **Bob Tonning '95** was named "Best Chapter President", and current undergraduate president **Alex Patrao '96** won the **Richard V. Olson Scholarship** for his outstanding academic performance at WPI. Over thirty brothers from the Delta Sigma Phi chapter made it to convention this year, proving to everyone in attendance that our chapter was truly deserving of the "best chapter" designation. And, when we weren't busy winning awards, our brothers enjoyed the hotel pool, shuffleboard court, and lobby plants, among other things...

SUMMER BROTHERS PARTY

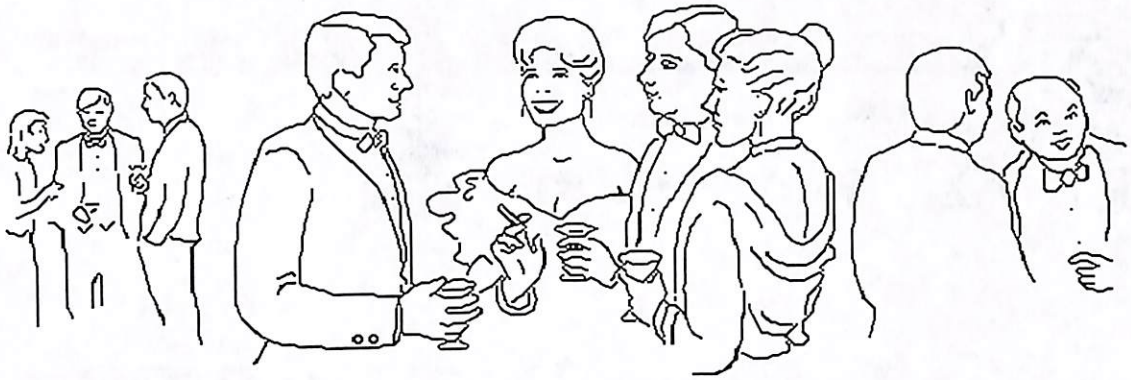
The 1995 Summer Brothers' Party came off as a big success this year, thanks to some hard work and a good showing from the Grads. A new beach volleyball court put in behind the house (by House Manager **Art Rossamondo** & Co.) proved to be the big hit of the day, as the court was packed until there was not enough light to play. More than a few arms (and backs) were sore the next day. Much fun and sun was had by all, including some grads that the house hadn't seen for a while. **Jim Nichols' '86** creative new Ping-Pong table also drew a crowd, as some interesting adaptations of the game were brought out and played. As you might have expected, it did not take very long for a common American pastime to be warped into an imbibing game...

AXP RENTS A SECOND HOUSE

As a result of an incredibly successful Rush last year (16 new brothers were initiated), we have had to expand the Fraternity housing to include yet another house. Located on 49 Institute Road, one block away from the 8 Boynton Street house, and about four houses away from Sigma Phi Epsilon, this new house will hold eight additional out-of-house brothers with plenty of extra space for the important things such as poker tournaments and parties (oh yeah, there's some room to get some studying done somewhere if required). WPI owns the property and is more than happy to rent it to us for as many years as we need additional space. The way things have been going the last few years, that will be quite awhile...

The new house was ushered into the Fraternity in traditional Alpha Chi Rho style on the weekend of August 12, which included a day-long steak BBQ party and a horseshoe tournament. All are welcomed and encouraged to drop by and see the new place, or call us at (508) 799-4199.

In addition to the new "house", Alpha Chi Rho still occupies the third floor of 104 Highland. This is being used primarily by graduate brothers working on their master's programs or beginning new jobs.



~~Sparkey's~~ Smithers' Gossip

usually by Mark Stanley '85

Congratulations to **Don '94** and Kim **Cournoyer** on the birth of their new baby girl, Courtney Marie...After living at the house for the summer ... **Jim Nichols '86** is *finally* moving, back to western Mass. to continue working for Massachusetts Electric ... **Jeff Modderno '95** got a mechanical engineering position recently, and is living at the 104 Highland apartment ... **Bob Tonning '95** is occasionally commuting to a civil engineering company in Hudson, Mass., and is living at the 49 Institute Rd. house. Bob would like to personally thank all the undergrads who personally slaved for him this past year in order for him to win that silly award. A "roast" for/of Bob is currently being planned ... **Rob Jackson '95, Tom Forcier '95** and **Glen Gaebe '95** are also living at 104 Highland and are all attending graduate school at WPI ... **Mike Henry '92** recently accepted an interior decorating job at Bob's Fashion Explosion in San Francisco (he says "hi") ... **Brian Murphy '89** attended **Ken Carpenter's '90** July cookout while on leave from the U.S. Air Force in Germany ... **Rob Stacy '94** just accepted a managerial position with the east coast division of the McDonald's Corporation ... **Arra Yeghiayan '85** stopped by 8 Boynton Street in the spring, and taught the newest generation of Crows the world of "Zoom" ... **Chris Duggan '83** will be attending Tuck School at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire for his M.B.A. starting in September of '95 ... **Jeffrey Semmel '68** was finally admitted to Massachusetts General for treatment of his severe case of lock jaw, just weeks after being named an honorary Pequot Indian for his many gracious donations .. .**Jeff Remillard '85** and his wife Stephanie just bought a new house in Bellingham ... **John Whyte '87** visited Worcester from New Jersey to wish **Paul Lavigne '89** well on his departure for the Peace Corps in Benin, Africa in May **...** **Mike Lemberger '91** went to Paris, France for a week in June for his job with Norton Company...**Mike Bowen '90** was injured at the summer brothers' party in July, when a stray volleyball hit him right between his beers ... Congratulations and/or condolences to **Chris Pisz '94,** who married Bethany Landers in June ... **Dan Falla '91** directed Mass. Electric crews in restoring power to the Southern Berkshires this past spring, when several tornadoes ***ripped*** through Great Barrington and the surrounding area ... Dave ... Dave's not here man ... If anybody happens to see **Brian Treece '93** in Boston, say "Hi.". **Mark Stanley '85** has been awarded the job of Manager of Accounts Receivable at J. Baker in Canton Mass. Contrary to popular opinion Mark has not become a computer nerd like most of the rest of us, he did have his chance though. **Brad Michelist '??** (and age unannounced as well) was proclaimed "worst picker-upper at the convention", Brad commented that the plants were nice in the hotel lobby. **Steve Leece '69** showed up recently (today) with his(?) eldest daughter looking at colleges in the good old USofA. Appropriately enough a "flap" was held n his behalf at Semmel's place. Too many grads and undergrads attended to be worth mentioning.

P.S. Sorry Sparky, apparantly strange things happen to your column when you're not here to defend it.

CROWnet Update

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by Chris Duggan '83 (ccduggan@nyx.cs.du.edu)

We welcome some new faces on CROWnet since last time:

> Bert Stanfield-Pinel
> BertSP@aol.com writes:
> I'm an old timer DST brother from '72. My name is Bert
> Stanfield-Pinel even though then, I was known by Pinel only.
> I was the "frenchy" of the house and after moving back to France
> after graduation and staying there for 6 years, moved back to the
> states and have lived in sunny Phoenix AZ since 1978. I have been
> in commercial real estate since my graduation and still practice
> it. Divorced with two kids (not living with me but in Paris) I
> keep busy being a real estate developer during the day and a state
> police officer at night and weekends as a criminal investigator in
> the organised crime division.
welcome aboard Bert !

> George Carey
> Glcarey@aol.com writes:
> Flash!! Stop the presses!! George Carey (alias Greasy George)
> finally broke down and bought a computer!! My email address is
> glcarey@aol.com. Would love to hear from anyone. Watch for the
> return (again...) of Car-Tuning coming soon (or later) to your
> award winning/losing/whatever.. newsletter!
Did you buy a NEW computer George, or is it a beater ??

> Pat Tormey
> tormey@fisons-ls.com
Pat told us recently of the birth of his twin daughters.
Congratulations !!

> John Downes
> jdownes@state.ma.us writes:
> Hail, cheers and greetings! I was glad to see your Internet
> info in the newsletter, so please add me to your list. My ID is
> "jdownes@state.ma.us". This has been thoughtfully provided to
> us by our employer, the Commonwealth of Mass. Dept. of
> Environmental Protection. They say that it's a free service to us,
> and I will test this when I e-mail my brother-in-law who runs
> a safari tour company in Tanzania. The next exciting thing on
> the schedule in my life now (besides the Farmington convention)
> will be a trip to the Montreal Grand Prix Auto Race in June.
> Take care. Go Red Sox!
Good to hear from you John. The Sox have won 11 in a row as of
press time. Hope they keep it up.

> Sean Sweeney
> seano@biddeford.com writes:
> yo crusher ... "I'm crownet material I tell you!
> just give me a bid ... you'll see! ... hey long time cyber
> brother ...

> Steve Gardner
> SGardner@chipcom.com
Steve tells me that Kyle is starting to walk, and work is running
him ragged. Hope you survive the 3Com merger Steve.

> Andy Krassowski
> andyk@sclara.qms.com
Andy reports that he had a bit of an adventure returning from
the Convention. "My golf clubs and suitcase took a side trip
to Salt Lake City. Do I get to count this towards my United

frequent flyer miles ?"

> Bob Stessel
> robert.stessel@chksix.com writes:
Will there be a "situations wanted" area on the Web page?
thanks, keep flapping, and I'll drink to that.
-- stes

> Keith Pflieger '90
> kpfliege@milton.viasat.com writes:
> I have recently taken a new job in San Diego for a company
> called ViaSat, Inc. Please pass the word along.

> John Bagdasarian '89
> jbagdasarian@vnet.ibm.com

> Steve Baturin
> 75371.1074@compuserve.com

> Ben Thompson
> brthompson@jake.wpi.edu

> Jay Pulli
> pulli@radix.com

> Ken Carpenter
> Kcarps@aol.com

> Mike Basmajian
> basmajian@hydra.torrington.com

The CROWNet mailing list is on my WWW home page. Grab the latest copy if you need one. The URL is:
  http://nyx10.cs.du.edu:8001/~ccduggan/home.html

There is also a home page for WPI which you may want to check out. I'm trying to get us added to it.
Their URL is:
  http://www.wpi.edu

Also, some Web sites for other AXP chapters, courtesy of Jim Myran:

> Subject: URLs for AXP chapters
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> RPI
> http://www.rpi.edu/dept/union/ifc/alpha_chi_rho/public_html/home.html
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> By the way, Lefty has a home page. It's at www.planet.net:80\fubar.
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> might create a page on a server in Singapore to give folks some idea
> of what of Asia looks like.
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> Jim

Thanks for the info Jim.

If anybody else has corrections to the mailing list, address for Brothers that aren't listed, new Web sites, or anything else of interest, please send them to me. See you next time. Stay connected . . .

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Grad Newsletters from Ol' Number 7:

16 Years with Tech's Finest *also, "Who's Hewitty?"*

By Carps '90

With this issue, **Jim Nichols '86**, takes over editorial responsibilities of this newsletter. And while Jim is no slouch when it comes to brotherhood (in Carps' opinion), he takes over from Scroll #7, the guy who has a ΔΣT pledge paddle (I am looking at it as I write) called "Tech's Finest". It could not be more prophetic, and his 16 years of ensuring this quality publication are just one of many testaments.

Characteristically, when I tried to ask **Jeff Semmel '68** about this, we talked more about other brothers' contributions than his own. But a few facts came out which illustrate the part he has played. Since 1983, (Jeff would only say, "a long time ago") this publication has been written and edited at Jeff's house, on Jeff's computers, all of which has seemed only tangential to the parties which he has always thrown to camoflage the work he does on these activities. (And it would be very remiss of *me* to not mention the excellent dark beer which he has always provided to fuel these events). The result of his commitment has been a grad chapter which is more in touch with it's membership (as measured by dues payments and response to surveys) than any other of AXP, and most of those of other national fraternity chapters. Some 30% of all of our grads currently participate.

According to Jeff, when Ollie passed on in 1982, the newsletter was started by then undergraduate Chapter Correspondent **ChrisDuggan '83** as a way to fill the vacuum in leadership and spirit that was left behind. When Chris graduated a year later, it was decided that the Grad Chapter should take over the responsibility. Jeff held the Grad Chapter Secretary/Treasurer office at the time, which included the newsletter.

In the early years, the newsletter was a single page with content similar to *Sparky's Gossip* (not surprising since Sparky (**Mark Stanley '85**) was, and obviously is, another key contributor). During those years, copies were actually made on Jeff's overworked personal photocopier (until a large corporation "decided" to generously help out for a few years) and assembled and mailed by Jeff, Chris, Sparky, and **Grant Grady '71**.

Praise for Hewitty

There were two other great regular contributors who made, and today still make the newsletter what it is, Greasy George (**George Carey '71**) and **Steve Leece '69** (*Hewitty's Trivia*). Because Steve has generally lived out of the area (currently in Madrid, Spain - he e-mailed his column for this issue), most of the younger brothers only know him by his newsletter work here. But Steve was an undergraduate one year behind Jeff, and it was interesting to hear Jeff heap praise on him for his brotherhood.

"Steve Leece was one of the greatest guys we ever got to join the fraternity. He is one of our most successful brothers (he is a plant manager), and well deserving of it." Steve came to WPI from Hamilton Dome, Wyoming, having picked Worcester at random from a map. ("25 miles from Nowhere, WY") Jeff says he came to ΔΣT as a "solo", a pledge who only received one bid. He was president of ΔΣT his sophomore year and, according to Jeff, "never stopped contributing." In two recent years, when the undergrads felt they lacked the funds they needed to effectively rush, Jeff says Leece put up what to my ears were very substantial contributions to get them started. Our thanks to Steve for his efforts from afar.

Thanks, Jeff!

It was typical of Jeff to bring focus on the positive contributions of *other* brothers (and, yes, thanks too to the others mentioned for their efforts over the years)., But after 16 years of his personal sacrifice to keep our brotherhood closer together through this newsletter, it is more appropriate for all of us to say A HUGE THANKS to *him*!

Jeff told me, "If Steve Leece lived nearby, he would do as much for the house as I do." Jeff, I really doubt anyone could.

INTERVIEW

JOE MARAIA - THE OLDEST PLEDGE

Following is the transcript of an exclusive interview with Joe Maraia EE '96 held in the library at 8 Boynton St on March 19, 1996.. At the age of 32, Joe is the oldest man to ever pass through the DST or AXP postulancy program at WPI. He pledged AXP in the fall of 1995 and was initiated into our Brotherhood in February 1996. Joe transferred to WPI in the fall of 1994 as a junior with two years of credits from North Shore Community College. He will be graduating on May 18, 1996.

CROW EDITOR: What the hell did you think you were doing pledging AXP at the age 32?

JOE: I thought it was a cool thing to do. I came by the house, met a lot of brothers. I really wasn't planning on doing it (pledging) and then when bids night came and everybody came up to my room and they gave me the bid I was so floored and thought this would be a great place to join. And that's why I joined Alpha Chi Rho. I think it's a great fraternity.

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Sparky's Gossip

by Mark Stanley '85

Jim Nichols '86 has bought a log cabin with 8 acres in Whately, MA. Jim extends a welcome to all brothers. ..Navy Lt. Cmdr. **John Summers '83** recently spent six months with Fighter Squadron 213 aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, which saw duty near Iraq in the Persian Gulf. As the pilot of a Navy F-14B Tomcat, a twin engine supersonic fighter, he supported the ongoing effort to enforce the no-fly zone over Southern Iraq. During his tour, John along with his crew mates visited Hong Kong, Singapore, and the United Emirates...Congratulations to **Dave DiBattista '90** on his marriage to Kathy White in Avon, MA on April 20th...**John Gasstrom '91** has been promoted to the newly created post of product manager for the Personal Productivity Applications Group in the Information Services Department at New York State Electric & Gas Corp in Binghampton...**Jay Sheehan '92** is engaged to be married this May to Ellen Maziuk...Congratualations to **Matt Goldman '83** on the birth of his daughter Danielle...**Andy '83** and Geri **Krassowski** along with sons Aaron and Jason have moved back from California to Randolph, New Jersey. Andy is now a senior consultant at Gary Software Associates in Livingston, NJ... **Mike Palmer '84** has recently started his own company MicroTorque, a manufacturer of industrial printers, in the U.K...**Steve Leece '69** came back to the states with his daughter Stacey to check out colleges. Steve and Stacey stayed a night with Jeff '68 and Susan **Semmel** in Concord, MA. Jeff had many brothers out to the house for dinner with Steve to catch up on all the news...**Rick Brodeur '68** has changed jobs and now manages a British car restorations business. Rick asks brothers to feel free to keep in touch with him via e-mail at rickb@voicenet.com...Congratualtions to **Steve Baturin '84** and his wife Robey on the birth of their daughter Samantha on April 9th...**Jim Nichols '86** and **Mike Henry '92** went down with the undergrads to Key West for Spring Break. They were there to "supposedly" act as adult chaperones...**Paul Lavigne '89** will be back for a short break as a Peace Corps volunteer in Benin from July 14th to August 9th. You can contact Jim Nichols for details if you would like to get together with Paul. A party is planned at Jim's on July 20th...**Steve Mann '86** is in Mexicali, Mexico attending med school at the Baja Califofornia Medical College. He is renting a house with four other students and has a pool, a maid, and a cook

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Homecoming '95

by Bob Tonning '95

Last September, over 30 graduate brothers joined the undergrads of WPI in what many grads called one of the best non-anniversary year Homecoming Day's in Alpha Chi Rho's / Delta Sigma Tau's thirty plus year history. Planned and executed by the undergraduate's mastermind Fraternal officer **Luke Poppish '98**, and assisted by sage alumni veteran **Mark Stanley '85**, this fall's Homecoming went off without a hitch.

Beginning with the annual "Tailgate Party" on the Quad, the undergrads provided a myriad of beer-enhanced activities and entertainment to last the whole day long. After the homecoming game, which few alumni followed very closely, the Delta Sigma Phi chapter hosted a buffet dinner, enhanced with a live classic rock-and-roll guitarist. After that point in the evening, you could probably report on the evening's happenings as good as I could...

Many thanks to all of the graduate brothers who were on hand to make the day a success. Some of the grads recognized early in the day by Grad Chapter Secretary **Jimmy Nichols** '86 were: **Jeff Semmel** '68, **Mike Dowjat** '70, **Ben Thompson** '73, **Chris Duggan** '83, **Dave DiBattista** '90, **Brian Kairnes** '95, **Chris Pisz** '94, **Chris Savina** '91, **Brian Treece** '92, **Dan Falk** '92, **Steve Gardner** '85, **Doug Lenox** '90, **Bill Barry** '93, **Matthew Teague** '92, **Pete "The Wop" Anamasi** '92, **Mike Vinskus** '91, **Tom Peterson** '87, **Chris Kmiec** '94, **Jeff Modderno** '95, **Jeff White** '95, **Mike Bowen** '90, **Dan Levine** '92, **Steve Bullied** '91, **Mark Stanley** '85, **George Graw** '86, **Mike Lemberger** '92, **Bob Tonning** '95, **Rob Jackson** '95, some guy in a yellow shirt, and **Mike Henry** '92. If you attended the bash but weren't listed above (and weren't wearing a yellow shirt), we thank you for coming, and look forward to seeing even more grads in attendance at HOMECOMING 1996.

Undergraduate NEWS

By Matt Tricomi '97

INITIATED 8 and THEN 4 MORE

This past February, we initiated eight brothers: Randy McMahon '99, Gerard Mangenot '99, Matt "Lance" Anselm '99, Bob Parette '99, Mario Tongol '99, John Tanner '99, Keven Carpenter '98, and Joe Maraia '96. The initiation dinner was held at Leo's Ristorante where it was Michael Henry's '92 birthday yet again. National Risk Management Officer Jeff Turco, U Mass., was in attendance along with 55 undergrads and grads.

Brad Michaelis '97-ish, was Postulant Leader (known in the old'n days as Pledge Master) and oversaw a very rewarding postulancy program. This year there was one dropout due to grades. The program included a retreat to undergrad Mark Forget's '98 home, a project which included some redesigning of the bar area, and many other activities. Brad had so much fun during fall postulancy, he lead up the spring postulancy quartet. A two week formal spring rush, netted us four more great guys who became brothers on April 27TH.

RULES TO BE ENFORCED

The Greek Alumni Council, IFC, and "hill" are fully enforcing the once leniant BYOB parties. This includes all guests must BYOB. Yup, women too. There is going to be a brief transition stage. This will avoid a three-peat in probation status for DSPhi.

C TERM ELECTION RESULTS

Elected:		
President	Brian Carey	Soph.
VP	Tony Oses	Soph.
Treasurer	Doug Sullivan	Soph.
Secretary	John Pieper	Jr.
House Mgr.	Brian Bresnahan	Soph.
Steward	Jason Bourgeios	Soph.
Member-at-Large	Rob Foster	Jr.
Sargeant-at-Arms	Mark Forget	Soph.
Risk Mgt.	Nathan Hendrix	Jr.
Social	Andre Orbegozo	Soph.
Re-elected:		
Ritual	Andy Feld	Jr.
Chaplain	Randy Gilbert	Jr.
Chapter Corr.	Matt Tricomi	Jr.
Appointed:		
Comptroller	Nathan Hendrix	Jr.

GRADUATING

Alex Patrao	EE	Jose Orbegozo	CM
Joe Maraia	EE	Chris Kuiawa	CS
Rich Heidebrecht	CH ('95.5)	Luke DemoracskiEE	

The latest tradition (not quite a DQ run) for undergrads and local grads is **tuesday night karioke at Bravo Cafe** on Highland St. **Bob Tonning '95 (left)** makes his solo debut in drag (and it's not even the weekend yet Bob)

THE BANANA HOUSE

The second house on the "banana", 49 Institute, will be kept for another year. It houses eight to nine brother and has been a great addition as fraternity housing. The ongoing search for a new house is still, well, ongoing. The undergrads are helping the BOD investigate some options including a house on Dean St. and an empty lot on Dean St.

THIS OLD HOUSE

The continuing upkeep of the 8 Boyton St. residence seems neverending. The TV room has been recarpeted wall-to-wall, new mailboxes, new couches and recliners (purchased from the mob), and newest of all , a huge TV (where does the money come from?). If you haven't been by in recent the year's, the first floor may look a bit unfamiliar to you. For the pool fanatics, there was a major rehaul including new ball return, a level table, and new red felt (ooh ahh!). Past cave dwellers should take a peak at the once sepulchral chamber which now resembles just a typical room.

CAMPING '96

We had such an awesome time last year that we've decided to do it again. The tentative date is late June or early July. The general idea is lots of fun; including hiking, biking, canoeing, drinking and more drinking. If you are interested contact Matt Tricomi at the house or by e-mail (tricomi@wpi.edu).

Hewitty's Trivia Corner *The "Swill" Shop*

by Señor Steve (El Hewitty) Leece '69

Hail, cheers, greetin's and all that from your little old purveyor of trivia, El Swill Shop. From the multitude of cards and letters El Swill Shop has received all complaining of the conspicuous absence of this column from the last newsletter, it is clear that sincere apologies for goofing-off are due to all those disappointed readers. (The fact that the El Swill Shop editorial staff was engaged in serious beer testing research for an upcoming article cut no slack with our avid readership.) Hence, a solemn "Sorry 'bout that!" to all.

As those of you who read the last Gossip column are aware, a flap of monumental proportions occured at the Editor's digs recently. In attendance were alumns from about four generations. And it was very interesting to note the similarities and differences from one age to another. The fact that some of the alumns were sufficiently aged to have fathered some of the other alumns in attendance gave credence to the idea that a little playing around today can be extremely costly in the future, unless, of course, you have a vasectomy.

The first, most important, and probably only discernable similarity among the ages represented was certainly the penchant for destroying brain cells by vigorously washing them with beer. It was amazing how, over the years, so many of the alumns carry in front of them a very distinguishable final test set for beer. Everyone seems to wear theirs right above the belt.

But the differences past and present are what are really struck our trivial eye. Erstwhile steward O.J.'s comments on how Don the cook tried to steal us blind were well taken. We guess that graft can occur today too. But two famous Don incidents come to mind that would be very different today.

The first recalls the day when Don, all four hundred pounds of him, became ill whilst preparing the evening meal. Rather than shirk his responsibilities and repair to the head, he rather stuck his out the kitchen window and proceeded to dump the contents of his rather enormous gut (sort of equivalent to a 55 gallon drum) not on the sidewalk, but on the head of some kid walking home from school.

In the olden days, a sincere apology to the mother of the offended was sufficient. A similar action today would require Johnnie Cochran and a host of DNA experts to keep the lawsuit from taking the entire building fund. (But we'd make a bundle on the book and movie rights!) A second Donism was the time when he offered to have a girl he knew throw a stag party for the house and do the entire brotherhood for $5 a pop. The brother (who shall remain nameless) who presented this proposition to the brotherhood was nearly hung, drawn and quartered by members who considered the proposal less than decent.

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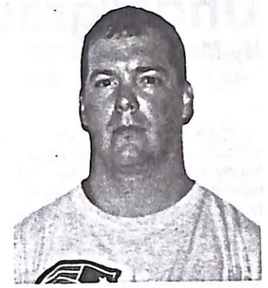

Joe Maraia EE '96
"THE OLDEST PLEDGE"
(What a nice smile)

In what ways did you view postulancy differently than the rest of the guys who pledged right out of high school?
I figured postulancy was going to be just what you put into it. I thought I put a lot in. Actually I neglected some of my studies during postulancy, but I had a lot of fun.
So, do you think you had a different viewpoint than the other postulants?
Yeah I new everything was just in good and fun...I tried to help the others realize that you've got to let some things just roll off your shoulder(and that) nobody here isn't going to go out of their way to help you. It (AXP) is like a family and you have to work together.
You are a senior which is also uncommon for a postulant. What are your thoughts on that?
I pledged as a senior because I knew that the grad chapter was strong and I knew a lot of the grads from before I pledged and I thought they were cool and I really wanted a chance to hang out and get to know them better. And as a grad I want to be an active part of the fraternity. I don't want to say 'Oh yea I'm in a fraternity and be gone after one year'. I want to come in and progressively get involved more and more with the graduate chapter.
Do you wish you had joined AXP sooner?
If I had the opportunity. I did come to this school as a transfer student. I really didn't know anything about rush. I didn't get rushed because I was off campus. It wasn't until B-term ('94) that I knew Alex (Patreo '96) and started coming down and seeing what was going on here in the fraternity. I was asking Alex (wouldn't) this would be a cool place (for me) to rush. He kept telling me that I didn't have time to rush and to pledge the house.
What suggestions would you have for improving the postulancy program?
Well our postulancy program went pretty good. The postulant educators were really helpfull. To improve it? I think at certain points a lot of people don't have a lot of time. Especially at night and that's where I found it to be hindersome at times. The time commitment during finals should be taken into account.
You were initiated a couple of weeks ago. How did that feel?
The (garntet & white) rice, that was pretty funny. I felt great. The postulancy period was finally over! I felt really relieved that I was finally a brother and I could participate in house meetings and have more of a say in what goes on.
What did you do between high school and pledging AXP?
I was a master electrician. I started working as an electrician in 1981. I came back to school in 1992.
Was it tough to go back to school after being out for so long?
I thought it was going to be tough. In the beginning when I took my first (summer) class to see if I was going to be able to handle it, it was very easy and I got an A. I think I put in more effort now than I would of when I first got out of high school. I got *most* of the partying out of the way (then) and I was more serious in my studies than sombody coming right out (of high school) because they want to have some fun and I already had all that (and) got most of that out of my sysytem. But I (still) went to Key West (for Spring Break in February).
What are your plans following graduation?
Hopefully to get a job. Maybe go on to law school to become a patten attorney. I'd like to get a job that would pay at least compareable to what I was making before I went back to school.

If men had wings and bore black feathers, few of them would be clever enough to be crows.

- REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER, MID 1800'S

INTERVIEW

BRIAN "SMILEY" CAREY - SOPHOMORE PRESIDENT

Brian Carey EE '98 was elected undergraduate president this past C-term. He is a sophomore which is somewhat rare, but not unheard of. Greg Thomson '88 was elected president as a sophomore in the spring of 1986. Before that was Dan Alcombright in December 1980. Before that I dont know. Anyways, here the results of a conversation with Brian held this past March just a few weeks after he took over the helm.

CROW EDITOR: What have you enjoyed the most about being a Crow so far?
BRIAN: The most I've enjoyed is all the people here. Everyone here is so friendly, relaxed, taking road trips, parties, it's just all been great...especially the grads too.
How about the least?
Really not too sure about that one.

BRIAN CAREY

How do feel about being elected President as a sophomore?
I feel good about it. It's a big change, I realize that. I feel I can do the job, I have the experience, maybe not all of it, but I also feel I have the good support of the brotherhood so I can do my job and hopefully be good at it.
Do you think that being a sophomore provides you with any greater challenges or any better insights?
I think maybe the biggest challenge is the experience dealing with some of the problems that have been dealt with before that I haven't seen. Sometimes I feel that that is a disadvantage. Greater insights...I just feel more confident about it. Being voted in, it gives me a great boost of confidence. It helps cover the experience part knowing that I have everyone behind me.
Some may expect you to be burnt out by the time you are a senior. How do you respond to that?
Yea, everyone's told me that. I know I'm only going one year on this. I really don't believe I'll be burnt out. I really love this place. I don't know what I plan on doing. One year is enough, but hopefully I will not be burnt out.
As past Rush Chairman, what advice would you give to whoever is the next Rush Chairman?
(The) biggest (thing) is brotherhood motivation. That seems to be the biggest part of rush. You can have the events and everything else can go off, but without the brotherhood motivated to rush and go up that hill rushing you can't go any where with it.
What do you feel are the major challenges facing AXP in the next year?
I see a couple. One definitely being rush because we have to pull off a very successful one. Another major challenge would be new policies that IFC has instated on us for BYOB. I see those two as being the most challenging.
How will you go about setting goals for AXP for the next year?
Well within the next week all of the officers will be giving me their goals sheet (from) which I will in turn make up a list of top goals.
What is your favorite beer?
I don't know if I have a favorite beer, but my favorite drink is White Russians.
Why?
Because they're great.
Do they make you crazy?
Oh yeah.
What's the stupidest thing you've done so far this year?
No comment. I think there's lots of pretty stupid things I've done. You can ask anyone, they'll have a story. I don't want to incriminate myself. I plead the fifth.
What do you expect to be the least pleasant aspect of being president?
The least pleasant aspect I see as dealing with IFC.
How about the best thing about being president?
The fact that I like this place so much. It's just great to go out there and lead these guys somewhere and get everything organized and see all the workings of it. I really want to help this place out a lot.
Did you shower today?
Yes! I showered today!
Floss?
Uh oh, I forgot to floss today.

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NEED GRADS TO ATTEND GRADUATION COCKTAIL PARTY AT "THE HOUSE" MAY 18TH AT 12:30 TO WELCOME NEW GRADS

GRAD CHAPTER NEWS

Election Results Homecoming '95:

President	Mike Lemberger '91 (re-elected)
Treasurer	Dan Falla '91 (re-elected)
Historian	Chris Duggan '83 (re-elected)
Secretary	Jim Nichols '86
Grad Advisor	Jeff Modderno '95

Report of Grad Chapter Meeting Alumni Appreciation Day (April 13, 1996):

Attendance: Dan Falla '91, Jim Nichols '86, Jeff Modderno '95, George Graw '86, Mike Henry '92, Bob Tonning '95, The San Diego Chicken '00, Pete Anamasi '92, Tim O'Connor '92, Brian Carey '98, Mike Andrus '97, William Jefferson Clinton ' 69, Jay McGaffigan '92

Officer Reports:

President: There in spirit.

Treasurer: Dues mailing went out in March. Sixty-three brothers have paid so far. **If you haven't paid yet, please do!**

Secretary: Working to create a common data base of brothers to be kept at Jeff Semmel's, Jim Nichols', and 8 Boynton St. Ken Carpenter '90 has offered his time and expertise. Newsletter meeting was held at Jeff Semmel's house in March. Record turnout.

Grad Advisor: Inititiation of spring pledge class (4 members) to be on April 27th. Looking to have summer events ...Camping? Red Sox? Rafting? **Grad Cocktail Party for Graduating seniors to be on Saturday, May 18th, 12:30 pm at 8 Boynton.**

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Mark Stanley '85 elected unanimously as Homecoming '96 Chairman.

Money to buy ACCESS database if necessary, Passed 6-1.

Discussion: Dry and uninteresting.

Announcements:

Paul Lavigne will be back this summer.

"Ghastly grim and ancient Raven wandering from the Nightly shore - Tell me what thy lordly name is on the Night's Plutonian shore!"
Quothe the Raven, "Nevermore."
- POE

(Hewitty continued)

Now, we all know that such a thing is impossible today. First, there's no need for the cook to arrange things... just look in the Yellow Pages and call. Second, the five dollar hooker has gone the way of the five cent cigar.

One of the former treasurers at the Editor's flap recalled cash flow control in days of yore. Perhaps the most important source of funds when the dinosaurs roamed was the famous beer fridge.

At that time, one could sign out a Coke for a dime and a beer for a quarter. We made about a nickel per Coke and a dime per beer. And there were brothers whose fridge tab rivalled their house bill. (And we won't even talk about those whose fridge bill eclipsed their room, board and dues except to say that they got an early start on their final test set hung above the belt.)

Not a chance today. Beer's at least a buck fifty. And the rules on booze are fierce. Of the at least five former presidents at the flap, we can't say a lot except that former presidents must be a freeloading lot since they always show up at things like these. One's daughter, who was also in attendance, was told by her mother that if she'd known him (the alum) then she'd have nothing to do with him. The daughter replied,"if you could see him tonight, you'd dump him!" We don't blame her a bit.

Another thing missing from the lives of the youth of the fraternity is one of the finest sleep aids ever known to mankind. What with CAD and CAM, "Technical Descriptive Geometry" by B. (for "Boring!") Leighton Wellman is no longer required reading. That book was better than any combination of beer and Sominex anyone could mix up.

In a recent discussion with high school seniors, El Swill Shop determined that only about 50% allowed as to the fact they knew what a slide rule was and less than 13% had ever seen one. 0% knew how to operate one, but that was pretty standard back in the olden days too. And to think we had Civils who designed bridges with slide rules! Makes you want to run right out and march across some, huh?

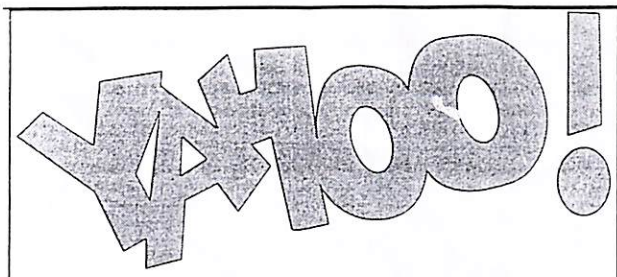
Speaking of marching, how 'bout those ROTC's? Didn't I read that the 'Tute now has Navy and maybe Air Farce ROTC? Amazing how something gets popular when it isn't mandatory. We recall back when Brothers Stessel and Brodeur (very low scroll numbers) would return to the house after a long day playing Recondo. Now the Recondos (or Retardos as they were known in some circles) were Green Beret wannabes or guys who just liked to play in the mud. And these guys would come back after a long day of running through the fields, crawling on their bellies in the swamps, shouting and hollering all sorts of gung-ho stuff, annoying the cows and smelling like they bathed in Institute Pond and announce how they were going to get rid of the Commies and make the world safe for the likes of Saddam.

Those recondos must have been pretty successful 'cause they also made the world safe for the Iranians, the Ayotollahs, the Rwandans, the Afghanis, the Khashmiris, The Armenians, the Somalis, the Bosnians and a whole host of other fun folk. Just think how safe everybody would be if they brought back the draft and conscripted the entire class of 1996!

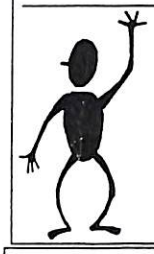
With this, we'll pack in the trivia except to give a belated "well done" to the House for grabbing the Curly once again. Don't forget that the old farts won the scholarship award the year it was retired. Or was it retired because we won it?

I'll drink to that!
Se$or Hewitty

AXP Summer Events '96

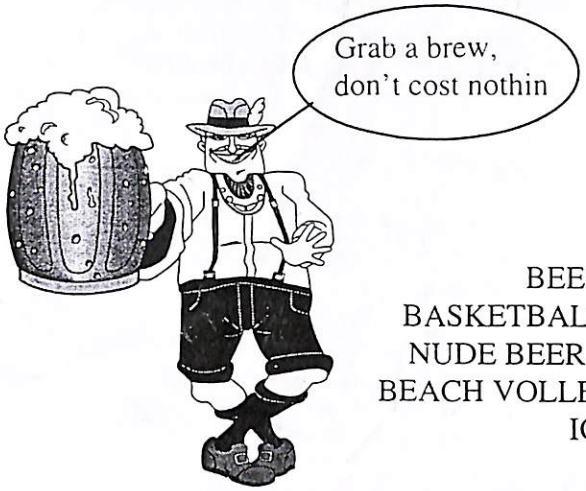


Kevin Geoffrey's Bachelor Party on Thursday, June 27th.
If interested contact Chris Kmiec @ 508-757-9554.



Brother's Drinking Night at the **Horseshoe Pub** in Hudson, MA on most Thursdays. 100 Beers to choose from, 50 on Tap. For info call Jeff Modderno @ 508-755-5218

Summer Brothers Party on Saturday July 27th.
Drinking will commence on Friday night and will run through Sunday for those who can't handle it.



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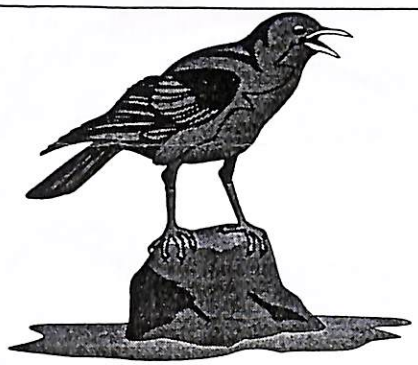
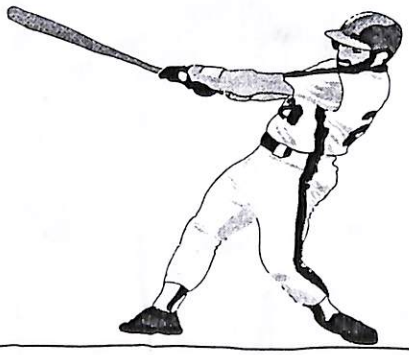
SATURDAY, JULY 20TH
NOON TO SOMETIME SUNDAY

VOLLEYBALL - HORSESHOES - JACUZZI -
NATURE WALK - GAMES - CHOP WOOD -
PEE IN THE WOODS (or Hot Tub)

SPECIAL GUEST: PAUL LAVIGNE '89 FROM AFRICA



Red Sox game with Boston Area Grad Chapter on Saturday, August 17th.
For more info contact Jeff Turco @ 617-289-6083.



2nd Annual AXP Camping Trip Weekend of July4th

Come help us pitch a tent, and kick the keg. The festivities will take place in the White Mountains, NH. For more info call Matt Tricomi @ 508-755-4139.

DIRECTIONS TO MY HOUSE

by Jim Nichols
62 Conway Rd
Whately, MA
413-665-4348

From the south

Route 91 north to exit 21,
Go left at end of ramp back over highway,
Go right on to routes 5 & 10 north,
Go 2.2 miles and take left on to Pantry Rd (There's probably no sign there so it might as well be named Ding Dong Alley or Dean Martin Boulevard -- anyways it's the road that splits left at 2.2 miles and is about 1000ft after a Fed Express building that is on the right)
Go 3.3 miles and take a left on to Haydenville Rd
Go 1.8 miles and take a right on to Conway Rd
My driveway is .5 miles on the right (2nd driveway after road turns to dirt)

From Worcester/Providence/Boston

Take Mass Pike to exit 4, get on route 91 north and do the above

From Route 2

Take 91 south to exit 24,
Turn right on to routes 5 & 10 south,
Go 1.5 miles to blinking yellow light,
Take right on to Christian Lane,
Go a couple of thousand feet and bare left into "downtown" Whately,
Go a couple thousand more feet and take a right on to Haydenville Rd,
Go 1.8 miles and take a right on to Conway Rd,
My driveway is .5 miles on the right (2nd driveway after road turns to dirt)

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Meet Rick Brodeur - Founder of DST

By Carps '90

Rick Brodeur is the first man to sign our scroll and was, with **Steve Schwarm**, the force behind the initial founding of Tech's finest greek organization. But spending a couple of hours on the phone with Rick was, for me, enjoyable well beyond the fraternal significance of getting to interview the Founding Brother. Scroll #1 is, like most of the DST's and Crows I've known, a "regular guy" and a pleasure to be with, even over the phone.

Rick Brodeur with his family at Homecoming '94

Rick came to Worcester Tech from Cumberland, RI in 1964 to study engineering (what else?). At the time the Greek system was perhaps even more central to campus life at Tech than it is today, and when he didn't find a match with one of the existing houses, Worcester didn't provide many other social outlets. (OK maybe things haven't changed that much in 30 years...) Wanting the opportunity to share "fellowship and comradery" with like-minded fellow students, in the Spring of '65, Rick says he began discussing the notion of building a new fraternity with his roommate **John Kokoska** and friend **Steve Schwarm.**

Over the next two semesters, the original three developed into a group of six or seven "diverse, independent" people with a "variety of skills". Unfortunately, one of the three was no longer among them. Not long after helping to start the new house John Kokoska, who at that point was scroll #3 of DST, received a bid from another fraternity. After careful thought, he chose to accept the bid. Rick liked John and respected the decision, and bears him no ill will, although the legacy of the defection lives on (most appropriately, in my opinion) in our traditions today.

Contributing to the variety of talents in those who carried on was **Warren Bentley** who, along with a direct style and dry sense of humor, brought with him an interest and knowledge about medieval times. Warren pledged in 1966 and contributed his expertise in heraldry to the development of the ritual and trappings of the local house. It is fitting that for a fraternity which would rely so much on the native talents of its Brothers (I'm thinking in terms of plumbing, cooking, building, etc.), the original coat of arms was both expert and home-grown. It was also in this time frame that the group selected a name for the Fraternity. Although a first cut was rejected because it was found not to be original, the second effort was both original and carried a meaning for them which Brothers who pledged AXP can find in the DST ritual if they would like to learn more.

The new Brothers also took this time to become more formally organized. They began talking to the school and got semi-official acknowledgement as a "club" which meant that they could use school common space for their meetings. They met weekly in a room in the basement of Riley Hall near the hallway that led to Alden. They also enlisted the help of three of their parents, the fathers of **Bob Hickey, Steve Schwarm,** and **Jeff Semmel,** in the setting up of a corporation to direct the activities of the fraternity. After some research, Connecticut was chosen as the situs for the corporation, and the fathers generously agreed to act as Directors.

With these arrangements made, and wanting to further strengthen and focus the new fraternity, Rick and the Brothers set their sights on getting the group recognition from the school and a house. They managed both and the house came from the school, as well, when DST was granted 30 Trowbridge Street which was the former Lambda Chi house. Rick cites the efforts of **Steve Schwarm** in making that happen. Unfortunately, in a scene which was to be repeated years later when they vacated the property next door to us on Boynton St., 30 Trowbridge was left a complete disaster area by the Lambdas.

Rick says he spent many weekends that summer taking out "pretty nasty" trash, scrubbing, painting, carrying out broken mattressess (uggh!), and working to make the place livable when the Fall term came. He even spent weekend nights alone in the creepy old house. What makes these efforts really remarkable, and a truly great example of Brotherhood, is the fact that as of that June, Rick had failed out out Worcester Tech. His committment to the Fraternity never waivered, though. He says that "he didn't see academic suspension as changing his being a part of the group" and therefore wanted to see it do well. Indeed, Brodeur admits that his involvement in DST contributed to his academic problems, although there were other factors. "Learning came very easily to me in elementary and high school," he says, adding that he had attended his high school on a scholarship. "So I didn't know how to study very effectively when things became more difficult."

Rick attended a junior college in Rhode Island during the Fall o

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Sparky's Gossip

by Mark Stanley '85

John NcEnaney '87 has taken a position as a Project Manager at Sapient Corp. in Cambridge, MA. John, his wife Carol, and son Thomas now reside in Marblehead, MA after having moved back to the area from PA...**Tony Beville '89** is again traveling abroad and recently sent an Email from Melbourne, Australia. He has also visited Singapore, Kuala Lampor, and Bangkok on this, his latest trip...**John '86** and Mary Lou **Niedzielski** have adopted a 1 year old son, Nicholas. The Niedzielskis make their home on several acres in Huntington, MA...**Sergio Rivas '90** sends his regards from Mexico. Sergio writes that anyone planning a trip to Mexico should Email him at SRIVAS@AVANTEL.COM.MX...**Dan Levine '92** has married Heather Fitzgerald and now resides in Wayne, PA...**Dave Colombo '92** was recently engaged to Jen Powderly...**Bob Stessel '69** continues his pursuit of a degree in marine biology at UMaine. He recently passed a comprehensive 2 hour oral exam with a five professor board and writes that he "enjoyed it"...**Mike Bowen '90** is now enrolled in the MBA program at William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA...**Al Prescott '90** has accepted a new position as BioPharmaceutical Engineer at Raytheon Engineers and Constructors in Cambridge, MA...**Mark Stanley '85** has recently been elected a member of the board of directors for the 555 Credit Union, the employee credit union of J. Baker...**Kevin Duprey '91** has just passed his oral exams at Brown University and is closing in on his PhD...The **Alumni Poker Game** meets every week in the eastern Massachusetts area. Participants include **Jeff Semmel '68**, **Paul Grady '71**, **Bob Tonning ' 96**, **Mike Henry '92**, **Alex Patrao '96**, **Jeff Modderno '95**, and **Rob Stacey '94**...**Rob Jackson '95** was recently engaged to Stacey Watrous...Congratulations to **Pat '86** and Mary Ann **Tormey** on the birth of their daughter, Allison. They, along with their twin daughters Carmen and Ginny live in Carey, NC...**Jonas Dedinas '91** was wed to Katherine Hedlund. Jonas works at David Clark Co. in Worcester...**Ken Hamilton '90** received his doctorte in chemical engineering at Northwestern University. Ken has accepted a position at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California...**Jeff McConnell '91** has left Connecticut to work at Sermatech, which deals with coating aircraft parts, in Maine. His boss is **Sean Sweeney '89**. Jeff and his wife Cathy are expected to fit in just fine in the state that boast "Maine - the way life should be"...**John Whyte '87** will be returning to live and work in his home state of Vermont this year after many years in New Jersey. Welcome back to New England flat-lander.

Please send me comments on what you are up to so that I may pass them along in this column. You can Email me at **mstanley@ma.ultranet.com**

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A LOOK BACK

Chris Duggan '83

10 YEARS AGO

- Brothers of Delta Sigma Phi chapter adorn the cover of the Garnet & White
- Rush Chairman Pete Perrotti nets 28 pledges under WPI's first dry rush.
- Pledgemaster Bill Iannacci organizes pledge retreat.
- Ben Thompson elected treasurer of AIFC.K
- Road Trip: RPI hosts party and Leadership conclave.J

15 years Ago

15 YEARS AGO

- AXPEF launches fund drive for new headquarters.
- Rich Hilow organizes brothers to work on channel 27 telethon for the St. Jude Children's Hospital.
- Bob Andren, Chuck Cain, John Downes, Paul Grady, Paul Melnick, and Jeff Semmel recognized for their donations to National.
- Joe Bischof and Rob Sawyer enter marathon bowling tournament for charity.

Treasurer's Note

No doubt by now, most of you have received an invoice for Graduate Chapter dues. I have only one thing to say:

"PLEASE! PLEASE! PAY!"

We are far behind where we should be for collections at this time of year.

Dues are what enables the Graduate Chapter to produce this newsletter, sponsor RUSH workshops, sponsor the annual reception for graduating seniors and their families, fund Homecoming events such as the tailgate party and dinner at the house. It also helps to subsidize (mainly for ungrads, grads pay their way) the events that we enjoy such as Worcester IceCats games and murder mystery dinners. This year, we intend to expand our activities to various socials at volunteer residences, and some cookouts at state parks. We intend to have a series of both family oriented events, as well as our more traditional get togethers.

But none of this is possible without your support. $25.00 is not a lot of money, but we make it go a long way.

To those of you who have paid, I want to thank you both personally and fraternally. If you haven't, please do so right away. Don't be concerned that you received the invoice after the due date. That is just to motivate the treasurer to get the billing done. (So hard to find good help these days.)

Fraternally yours,

AL PRESCOTT AXP 457
Graduate Chapter Treasurer

(Dues can be mailed to AXP Graduate Chapter, 38 Bayberry Rd, W. Concord MA 01742)

Hewitty's Trivia Corner *The "Swill" Shop*

by Senõr Steve (El Hewitty) Leece '69

Hail, Cheers and Greetings once again from El Swill Shop. Gee Whiskers, Rush is over, the postulants have pledged, and the life of the fraternity is renewed for another year. (Makes it sound like some Druidic solstice ritual, doesn't it?) For sure, we send our heartiest congratulations to the new postulants! You have made a VERY GOOD decision and one which will provide you much personal satisfaction for many years to come. (Who knows...maybe in the current pledge class lurks a future old fart trivial columnist.) Again, we wish you all the best!

Now one question that occured to me while writing this (and I'm sure it has to most of you reading this too) is "Just how does one go from being a cringing, foul and nethermost of pledges to being a most exalted, genteel and paramount kinsman of the fraternity?" You know, it happens every year. It doesn't take very long to happen especially when compared to the speed of plate tectonics or glaciation). And it certainly is a complete transformation (just ask any brother...he'll tell you that he is completely transformed from the bane of pledgliness.)

So in an effort to examine this transformation process from pledge to brother we immediately find that there exists no end of the trivia surrounding said event. And while one is tempted to suggest that pledging is all a trivial activity (just look at all the efforts on many campuses to make pledging and initiation take place at the same instant) we candidly disagree because there are so many benefits to be derived from a solid postulancy. (Now, it is not the intent of this column to enunciate all the character building, friendship enhancing, memory creating and posterior paining benefits of postulancy. Those, like derivations in polar coordinates, should be intuitively obvious to the most casual observer.)

Instead, we're just looking at the process of how a pledge becomes a brother really. First we will look at some things which we think are NOT the keys to the process. Clearly, physical hazing has no bearing on the progression from pledge to brother. Not only was it outlawed by the chapter at its formation, but it has been outlawed by society since. I also don't think that the annual brillo-ing of the dining room floor contributed much to the process, although it certainly contributed to the ambience of dining afterwards.

Memorizing the pledge book probably doesn't do much for the process, but it does give one great trivia for future generations. For example, Bill Smith's middle name is DOBBS. J. Gregory Ferrara's first name is JOSEPH. And Mack King's first and middle names are RICHARD MACKENDISH. Of course, one danger in all the information contained in the pledge books was that often people acquired (were given) nicknames in spite of their honest desires (see, for example Jim 4.0 FERN Sinnamon and Jeffrey HARVEY Semmel. So what about HEWITTY, you ask? See the polar coordinates discussion, above.)

Some of those silly things we did to get signatures probably didn't move us much closer to brotherhood either, although some have had a latent effect. One might recall the Cricket game organized by Warren (NMN) Bentley in those days. The rules were ill understood and the equipment was clearly non-regulation. The silly-mid-offs lived up to their names and after an hour or so of farting around we all went back to drink beer and discuss how dumb the game really was.

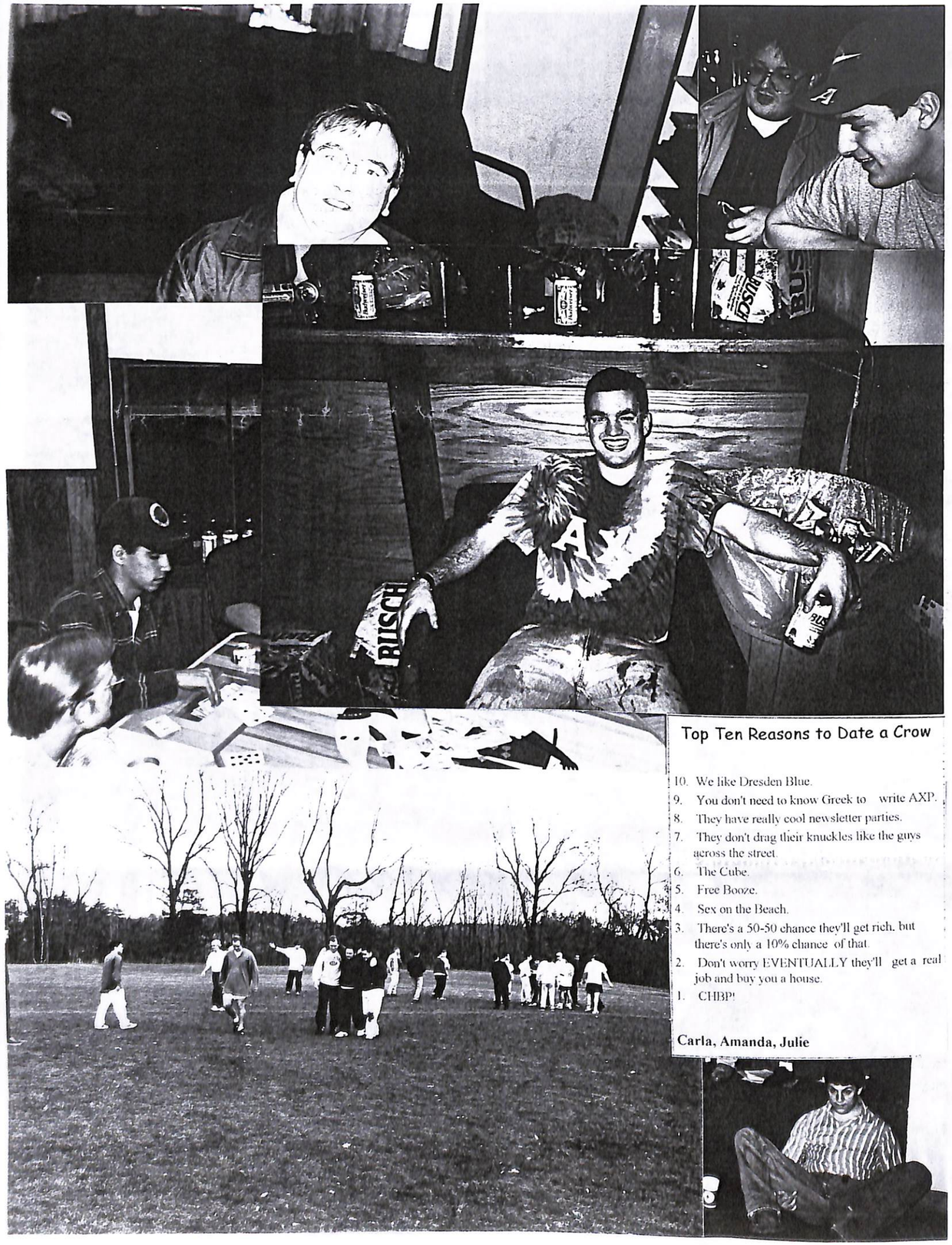
Ahhh, but not so. Having had access to British TV, I have had an opportunity to actually watch the sport in its professional form. This game has something for everybody! Where else can a couch potato watch the same game for seven hours straight? Where else can you see scores of 597-388? Where else can a batter score 100 runs in one innings? Where else can you see an unruly mob of Pakistani fans overrun the field and chase both teams and the referees into the locker rooms? Where else (except maybe for Australian Football) do the referees have dumber looking uniforms? Obviously, Warren was a visionary!

Nope. I'm quite convinced that there is another separate and very important thing that makes the process work. After much reflection, I'm absolutely convinced that the one thing that formed the basis for my journey from pledgehood to brotherhood (and for sure, the journeys of Q, DB, Stes, OJ, Fern, TB, Pablo, Syphonman, Chicken, Erikstoned, Shrimp, Grease, and numerous others) was BEER. Yes, that's right, BEER. Also Bier, Birra, Biere, Creveza, Beer. Without doubt, as pledges, we consumed significantly more beer than we did in our entire lives up to then. And surely, we have consumed MORE beer since becoming brothers than we ever did as pledges or before. It just stands to reason...beer made all the difference!

So as a service to all those new postulants, (and to justify to my editor that all these deadlines missed guzzling were REALLY due to "research for a future column") El Swill Shop will discuss some of the world's finest libations ever to be sipped, gulped, swilled, guzzled, chugged or imbibed.

Now pause right here. If you're one of those bozos who, when given a choice, order up a Miller Lite or one of its kin, rather than one of those microbrews or an import you haven't tried before, then you Weenies might as well switch to milk, quit reading, pet your kitty-cat (and be sure to recycle the newsletter.) You might as well toss your fraternity membership card in the recycler too. It won't matter because you're probably a cheapskate and never pay your dues and who needs you anyway? Real imbibers of real beer, press onward! (Also, pay your dues!)

Having cleared up those administrative details, let us set the stage for this part of the discussion. Now this is not an all inclusive list, no indeedy. For each one on the list there are twenty not. Nor is it intended to enumerate all those GLORIOUS microbrews that are starting up everywhere. (There are so many good ones it's amazing that the big guys can keep any market share at all.) Nor is it intended to discuss all those great Canadian and Mexican beers that you can sample from the store or by a quick vacation north or south. Nor is this intended to be an exercise in pompous assmanship. It is merely to say that if you ever get the opportunity, you'll do yourself a favor to pop the top of one or many of the following. **(Continued on page 8)**



Undergraduate NOOZ

By Matt Tricomi '97 & Art Rossomando '97

Everything is normal at Delta Sigma Phi. The house has not seen too many improvements as of late, though we have seen more participation recently in our weekly fraternal business hour [or so] in which we take on medium-size projects such as plumbing, carpentry, and major cleaning.

ELEVEN INITIATED

We initiated eleven new Brothers on February 22nd. They were a very enthusiastic postulant class and kept up on important parts of postulancy such as studying exoteric and preparing their publicity/philanthropy project. And to boast, they all are excelling in their academics. Are new Bro's are Nathan Campoli, Pete Tessier, Emar Tongol, Nick Amaral, Ken Ozeni, Jamie Karl, David Silva, Ryan Coffren, John Casill, Ravi Misra, San Girgis.

In November, our house dogs entangled, and soon arrived a half-dozen pups. All the pups found good homes, 4 in brother's or their relatives homes.

Brother's spirits were high during the holiday season due mostly to two large Christmas events - an all Brother's Holiday Party and a Christmas Formal. The formal was reinstated by Social Chair **Andre Orbegozo '99** 1/2 after years of stagnation. Graduate and Undergraduate brothers came together for the annual Christmas party in masses where we have Secret Santa gag gifts, caroling, and wassail. Ask **Rob Stacy '95** what his new favorite beverage container is?

Worcester saw 18" of snow the day after the Christmas party, but WPI fret not, for a team of Crows shovel the hill whenever such weather engulfs the campus. Brothers who take part in this program love the benefits of hard work and good money, but don't enjoy the early mornings. Also that day, Jimmy Nichols saw his house covered in hemlock, oak, and beech due to the large storm. A caravan of undergrads went out to tackle the task of being lumberjacks for a day.

C-TERM ELECTION RESULTS

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If you would like to get in touch with us for any reason, we are now up with technology. You can reach us at **axp@wpi.edu** or visit our web site **http://www.wpi.edu/~axp** which was created with input from our graduates and other Crow chapters (Road trips are always on the horizon).

The class of '97 were in high attendance at this latest Newsletter Party paving the way for other undergrad participation.

CROWnet Update

by dugganc@dartmouth.edu

The Crow Network has now topped 150 members. Among the additions to our Brothers on-line are several long distance entries. Nick Barber njb@biw.co.uk checks in from the UK, Istifan Ghanem istifan@step.polymtl.ca and John Gahagen gahaganj@mi.net from Canada. Matt Goldman goldman@divi.com is now on the West Coast in San Jose (no wisecracks Bruce !)

Thanks to Jeff Semmel for digging through the WPI database and finding lots of new grads for our Internet list, and to Matt Tricomi for bringing the Undergrads into CrowNet. Check out the Undergrad Web page at: www.wpi.edu\~axp

Last but not least, we announce that out illustrious gossip columnist Sparky has joined the ranks of the computer literate. You may now pass on your hot gossip tips to mstanley@ultranet.com.

I haven't put together a list of changes this month, so I'll plan on a full email list in the next newsletter. Until then, be sure to check the Web site at www.dartmouth.edu/~dugganc for the latest listing.

Cheers, Chris

GRAD CHAPTER NEWS

Report of Grad Chapter Meeting Homecoming (Septmber 21, 1996):

Attendance: Dan Falla '91, Jim Nichols '86, Jeff Modderno '95, George Graw '86, Mike Henry '92, Bob Tonning '95, Pete Anamasi '92, Tim O'Connor '92, Brian Carey '98, Mike Andrus '97, Dave Colombo '92, Mark Stanley '85, Jeff Remillard '85, Chris Duggan '83, Dan Falk '92, Randy McMahon '99, Hugh Jass '76, Andre Orbegozo '99, Nate Hendrix '97, Mike Stein '92, John McEnaney '87, Ken Carpenter '90, Mike Lemberger '91, John Wodziak '91, Harry P. Ness '81, Al Prescott '90, Fred Gold '91, George Clark '71, Mike Schiller '92, Chris Kmiec '94, Jeff Semmel '68, Chris Kuiawa '96, Kevin Duprey '91.

Officer Reports:

President (Mike Lemberger): Enjoyed his time as prez.

Treasurer (Dan Falla): Presented financial report. $1951.95 in bank.

Secretary (Jim Nichols): Carps making progress in converting grad data base to Access. We're always looking to update addresses. All help is appreciated in keeping track of our Bro's. Newsletter went out in September.

Grad Advisor(Jeff Modderno): Rush under way. Grads in area encouraged to support events.

Historian (Chris Duggan): "Four Score and...."

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

-Motion to spend up to $500 for Homecoming '96 - passed.

-Motion to budget $100 for Historian expenses - passed.

Elections:

President	Jeff Semmel '68
Treasurer	Al Prescott '90
Historian	Chris Duggan '83 (re-elected)
Secretary	Jim Nichols '86 (re-elected)
Grad Advisor	Jeff Modderno '95 (re-elected)

Thank-you to Mike Lemberger and Dan Falla for their years of dedication as president and treasurer.

Discussion:

-Need to increase dues participation. Several ideas discussed.

-Grad Events discussed - would like to have more events and more participation. Ice Cats, family events, regional events, park cookout, prompter notifcation all discussed.

(Hewitty continued)

DINKELACKER, the libation from Stuttgart, was the driving potion for my transition from pledgliness to brotherhood lo those many aeons ago. Recent sampling shows it to be as good as it ever was. And it's available not only in the Worcester area but barrels are available thru a distributor in Lancaster Pennsylvania. Another favourite German beer is JEVER PILS. So far, all German beers taste like "more". Or maybe "a lot more!"

The Belgians brew a lot too. The church abbey brews make one want to convert. Especially notable is GRIMBERGEN ABBEY ULTIMO BRUNO. Fantastic taste. You don't notice it's 10 per cent until you've had entirely too many. Some people make fun of "warm" British beers but I've never found one I didn't like. NEWCASTLE BROWN ALE (The Dog) is extraordinary.

For those who find themselves on the Indian subcontinent or paddling around the Indian Ocean off Africa, BLACK LABEL from Delhi (bears no relationship to Black Label from Rhode Island) is excellent. Not only can you drink it (as opposed to the water in India or the Black Label in Rhode Island) it is most refreshing after a mad cab ride dodging trucks and sacred cows. PHOENIX beer from Mauritius is also superb.

Finally, there is a big business in exporting authentic Irish Pubs these days. (If you flunk out, you can try this. You'll be rich in no time.) MURPHY'S and GUINNESS are both great but they don't travel as well as some others so drink them fresh. Preferably in Dublin.

Will you look at that! So much talk of beer, there's no room for trivia questions. You wouldn't have been able to answer them any way, and besides, this is thirsty work. And there's a cold AGUILA MASTER in the fridge.

I'll drink to that!

Jimmy Nichols' Cabin Saved by Undergrads

by Stephanie Gant

A favorite Mecca of many grads and undergrads, Jimmy Nichols' little cabin in the woods was ravaged by several falling trees after a heavy snowstorm in December. The huge tree that formerly served as a target for the BB gun competition exacted sweet revenge when it fell onto his dining area. "The target is much closer now, so come on back" said Jim in a recent interview. Sparky wasted no time in spreading rumors about the condition of the cabin, but Jim has assured everyone that his log cabin will not go down without a fight. "Don't worry, I'm still playing with a full deck", said Jim. A few puncture repairs in the roof and some heavy-clean up solved the problem, though insurance company sources refuse to comment. Jim was not home during the storm, which begs the question: "If some trees fell on the roof and Jim wasn't home, did they make any noise??" The worst part was that he had to work on emergency crews with the power company elsewhere during the storm, which delayed his assessment of the damage. In response to a distress call from Jim, six great undergrads from the house raced to the rescue to help with the cleanup. As a reward, Jim with make OTHER unsuspecting guests clean the hot tub at his next gathering. Jim is preparing special swimming trunks with built in brillo pads in the butt. People with relatively bigger tushes are urged to come visit. On a more recent note, Jim has been implicated in the recent power loss at Foxboro during the AFC championship game. In Jim's defense, brother Ralph Casale suggested that the real problem at the stadium was that "Too many of the fans were lit ."

An interview with three "wise men" from the Class of '97

by Matt Tricomi, Art Rossomando, Mike Andrus

(Editor's Note: Matt, Art, and Mike performed this 3-way self-interview at our last newsletter party.)

What do we remember most from postulancy?
Our first raid - Big blizzard that night. We pulled the perfect raid - Xmas party night, we all (98%) did not drink, had shopping carts to carry the plaque, had a hotel full of snacks and soda, cellular phone, aluminum foil around brother tracking device. EXCEPT, one thing... one postulant (John Stewart will remain nameless to protect his identity [raiders@wpi.edu]) got stuck in New York in the Blizzard. The plaque broke in half that night also.

What made our class special?
Unity. We had a very diverse group of people. We some how seemed to have come together better than most classes. We had a 30 year old freshman, rednecks, homies, closet cases, geeks, twins, athletic, drinkers, non-drinkers.

What did you think of living in the house first year?
Not enough space. Cold. Living with someone in my class was best. Being able to go downstairs to hang with or drink with Brothers was better than coming from a dorm. Building poker tables for years for ole 7 was great. Meal plan is better than DAKA. Raisin Nut sauce!

Did you ever kidnap a goose?
Yes. Goose-napping to be exact. Nope.

Why did you run for office?
Why not. Thought I could make things better. Try to improve what was already there. Try to continue traditions left by previous great officers. Chance to do what I like. Daily toilet repair.

What was your most favorite part of living in the house?
Not having to stumble to another place, just up the stairs. Companionship. Always having someone I know there instead of complete strangers to do whatever with.

What was your least favorite part of living in the house?
Politics. Roommate politics. Noise. Cold. Small rooms. Random yak. Cleaning up (after others). Whiners.

How did you make your mark on our chapter?
Our postulancy project. Poker table. Chevy pictures. Stereo setup. Kitchen redo. Bar in the closet.

What do you value most of brotherhood?
When brothers help you in a pinch. You can come back 20 years from now, and still have a friend. Having someone to bail you out or drive you to the hospital. Meeting and getting help from guys you've never met.

How do you compare your class to past classes?
We are far and away the best. It is a cool feeling to be able to say that with confidence and have others say the same that we overall had a great class. Its tough to say about past classes, but as for recent classes, we were much better.

What do you think of the graduate chapter?
I look forward to being an active part of it. In some ways, I find the companionship of the grads stronger than undergraduates. [At this point, one of the wisemen is intoxicated] He says great drinking friends, higher tolerances. I don't know, um, they're fine, I guess.

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1966 and returned to Tech in Jan. 1967 with a little more resolve. And he did perform better academically, but it was not enough and eventually he was forced to again leave Tech. In the meantime, though, he married Suzanne his sweetheart from high school, who was a supporter and participant in the development of DST from the outset. Despite there being much more to this story, I'll let it slip now that they are still married and going strong today.

One potentially scary consequence of no longer being in school for Rick was facing the military draft during that turbulent time. In January, 1969, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Fortunately, though, instead of facing Viet Nam, the Founding Brother was given training in electronic maintenance and assigned to a Navy base in the middle of the California desert near death valley. It was, "about as good a place as an enlisted man could be assigned at that time," and he spent his time there representing the Army during the development by the Navy of the Chaparral missile air defense system (this was a modified Sidewinder, for you military buffs). During the four years he spend in California he was able to do quite a bit of traveling, especially when it came time to install the system on Navy vessels.

In November, 1973, he was transferred by the Army to a maintenance unit in Wiesbaden, Germany. This was again an atypical assignment since Wiesbaden was primarily an Air Force community. His was one of "very few units that never went into the field" on training exercises. Despite the time period during which he served, Rick only trained in the field a single time, just before he left the service after eight years in.

After the Army, Rick got a job and went back to college for Electrical Engineering part time. It took him until 1985 to complete, and was a bit unsatisfying since the course work available to part time students was very restricted. In his case, he was forced to focus on project management training and never got course work in design, which would have been his preference. Nevertheless, he was able to finish raising his two sons, Eric who is 26 today and Tim, now 18, working at an engineering project management job which he says he enjoyed. **(Continued next column)**

Unfortunately, four years ago Rick got to face another scary sign of the times when he was "downsized" from his job. While he looked for a replacement position, he decided to turn what had been a hobby for him and his son Eric into a vocation, the restoration of MG's and other British sports cars. (Brother Al Prescott, do we have your attention now?) Rick had always liked the little British convertables and he worked on one owned by Eric while in college. So he took a part time job with a nearby shop called "Ragtops and Roadsters". Between his love for the cars, his talent for the restorations (much of which he attributes to his time at Worcester Tech), and his project management abilities, he quickly moved from part-time, to full-time, to being an indispensible part of the shop. Despite being paid less, Suzanne said she had never seen him so happy, and Rick had to admit that the "stress level was so much lower and the job more entrepreneurial". He even had time to restore a VW with his son, Tim.

So when an engineering job did come along, his employer begged him to stay at the shop. Given an offer to increase his pay, Rick did what he really wanted to do and rejected project engineering for good (or at least for as long as people continue to want restored sports cars!) He now focuses on growing the business, doing estimates and bids, and automating the shop's inventory and other records, as well as working on the cars -- and it sounds like he is loving it. He even got Eric to produce a Web page for the shop, which you can check out at **http://www.ragtops.com**.

When I asked Rick if he was surprised that the house he founded was still around, he said he was more "pleased", and disappointed that he hasn't been able to be around more, especially when he was in the Army and the house struggled at times. He is now settled in Pennsylvania, and on those occasions when work and his Naval Reserve service (he is a Chief Petty Officer) allow him to travel to New England, he usually spends the time with his mother who lives alone in Rhode Island.

Rick also thought that taking DST national with AXP was "great". Some DST Brothers didn't like the idea. They thought the local was going strong and would best remain strong as a local fraternity. Rick, however, thought that affiliation with a national would only augment the existing strength and provide more resources to fall back on. He was initiated into AXP with one of the first classes.

And I'll add that having now met Rick, I too am no longer surprised DST/AXP is still around and doing fine. I suspect that he attracted men to DST who were similar to himself in the most important respects: genuine, dedicated, and fun-loving people who took their responsibilities -- to their families, to their Brothers, to whomever they made promises -- as seriously as he has. And for 30 plus years, I think this pattern has repeated and reinforced itself in our undergraduate rush, with help here and there from some 50 year old (and younger) alumni. By the way, Jeff Semmel, don't worry. By the time you read this, Rick will have turned 50 as well - on Valentine's Day, no less.

And what advice does Rick have to offer the undergraduates? He offers this: "work hard, be sincere, be true to the pledge you have made," since, as he experienced, "many of the people you are with today will be with you for the rest of your life." And above all, "don't postpone doing what you like," because life is too short and you might miss your chance altogether. Sage advice, indeed, from a truly great Brother and a person we can be proud to call our founder.

Some notes from the BOD

by Mike Henry '92

Just a few words to let everyone know that the BOD is still alive and functioning, like you really will get to the last page of the newsletter to read this. Since we have last spoke we have had another meeting, that's mainly all we do, actually we had two meetings. Our first meeting was with John Miller and Steve Hebert. We discussed what options are available to us for getting WPI's support (and money) in purchasing a house. We also discussed the possibilities of purchasing 8 Boynton Street. The general feeling was that there is a 60+% chance that WPI would be willing to sell.

Our next meeting was held on the morning of the brothers Christmas party. We assigned **Tim O'Connor '92** to be responsible for contacting an architect to have a feasibility study done on 8 Boynton Street and the property at 14/16 Dean Street. Tim will be meeting with the architect the last week of January. Also at this meeting we decided that we will be moving around the building fund money so we can begin to earn more than 7% a year. **Mike Henry '92** has been in charge of this and has met with the Financial Consultant at Merril Lynch and soon our money will be growing beyond all recognition. The next step in the money situation will be to try and get national to reinvest the money left by R.V. Olson to earn more than the measly 3% it is getting in the savings account they have it in.

Dave Colombo '92 has also been dealing with GMI (our collection agency) to try and wrap up the outstanding debt that is still owed. If you still us money from previous years be on the lookout! We are hoping that within the next year we will be actively collecting all outstanding money owed to us.

The BOD will be meeting again in February. Anyone interested in seeing a full blown bullshit session is welcome to attend, contact any Board member to find out the date, time and place. At this meeting we plan to discuss the meetings with the architect, Meril Lynch and GMI.

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Who is Alpha Chi Rho?

You are visitor 000285 since last month. Over 600 visitors!

MINI COMPOSITES NEEDED

Jeff Semmel is looking for any mini-composites **prior to 1983**.

He has already donated the framing of the 1983 to 1988 composites.

This effort will allow for all years composites to be displayed on the chapter walls by combining every six years of mini-composites in to one frame.

Of course full size composites continuing to represent the most recent years.

Help get your faces back on the walls and donate your 11"x14" composite today!.

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AXP NEWSLETTER ΔΣT

1st Annual Watertown Walk

A "Staggering" Success

By Bob Tonning '95

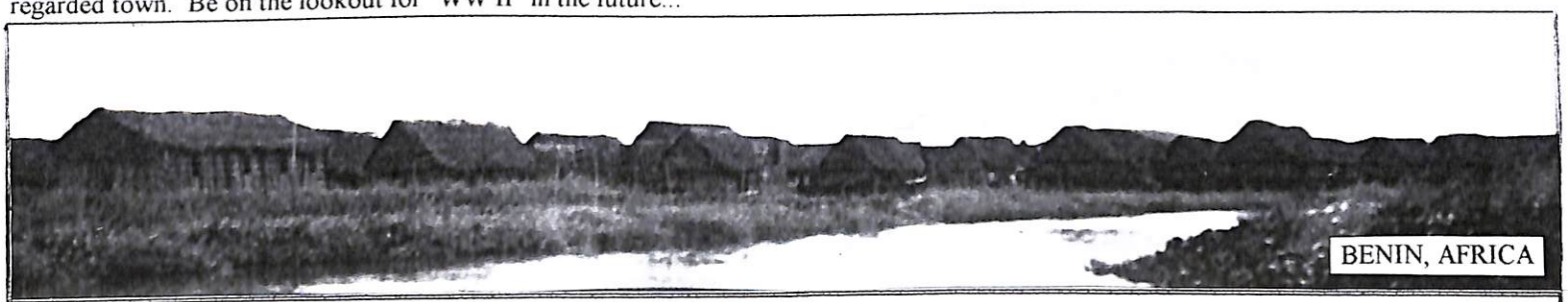
On May 31, 1997, over twenty fearless men and women embarked on a journey. On June 1st, some eight hours and seven bars later, only a select few would be able to talk about it.

Don't be confused; this wasn't a walk for hunger or a walk for the Brazilian rain forests - this was a walk for alcohol...LOTS of alcohol. And the Walk's many "sponsors" were not walking for any specific charity, although the tolerance shown to them were written off by most as "charitable".

The walk (spanning two months) commenced at George Graw's ('85) house on the east side of Watertown, and slowly progressed westward toward Bob Tonning's ('95) abode. Along the way, this soon-to-be weary group of travellers stopped at a number of pre-determined resting places - *Yeat's County*, *The Busy B Pub*, and *Halfway Cafe* to name a few. And who could forget the infamous *China Rainbow* (certainly not Rob Stacy '94, who spent his entire stay hitting on a very old Chinese bartender in an effort to get a little extra Rum in his Scorpion Bowl!)

Other notable crows in attendance were Jimmy Nichols ('86), Chris Kmiec ('94), Jeff Modderno ('95), Art Rossomando ('96), and Alex Patrao ('96), as well as a few brave AXP females, Carla Caputo and Jess Gauvin.

George and Bob are currently meeting with town officials to discuss the likelihood of hosting another event in their once highly-regarded town. Be on the lookout for "WW II" in the future...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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 23 - BIG BASH PIG ROAST@ Jim Nichols' Cabin
Celebrating Paul D. Lavigne's return from Africa
Noon to Whenever (Directions enclosed)

Saturday, October 4 - HOMECOMING '97

11:00 am	Graduate Chapter Meeting	Chapter House
12:30 am	Tailgate Party	WPI Quad
1:30 pm	Geek Bowl (WPI vs RPI Football Game)	Alumni Field
5:00 pm	Alumni Reception	Chapter House
8:00 pm	Brother's Party	Chapter House

Sparky's Gossip

by Mark Stanley '85

Congratulations to **Chris Duggan '83** on receiving his MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. Chris and wife Mary Fran will be moving as he has accepted a marketing position at Northwest Airlines in Minneapolis, MN starting in August. Chris and Mary Fran will most likely be visiting an airport near you as unlimited travel is a benefit of working for an airline…**Tim O'Connor '92** was married to Christine Coppersmith on 05/13/97 in Orlando, FL. Tim continues to work at Electric Boat in Groton…Congratulations to **Ralph Casale '85** on his recent engagement to Susan Walsh…**John (JP) Power '83** and wife Maureen announce the birth of a daughter, Gillian…**Bob Parnass '74** continues to work for Bell Labs developing software testing tools for wireless and personal communication systems. Bob and wife Pam continue to live near Oswego, IL and have recently been repairing their barn…**Mike Henry '92** has accepted a position as a Senior Programmer Analyst at Showtime Networks Inc. in NYC…**Matt Mooney '88** and wife Laurie announce the birth of a daughter, Alicia Ann (Ally) , born 01/30/97. Ally is the first Mooney daughter as she joins brothers Luke and Jake in Westford, MA…**Ed Hines '82** has accepted a position as a Purification supervisor at UNISYN Technologies located at the Biotech Park in Worcester…**Brian Malone '92** continues to live in the Silicon Valley of California and writes that he has taken up serious volleyball playing…**Gary Bellinger '74** continues to work as a Chemical/Project Engineer at Olin Microelectronics in East Providence, RI while living with wife, Ann in Franklin, MA. Gary also recently became a licensed attorney in MA…**Tony Beville '89** is back from 8 months overseas and working on a contract in Boston for the summer. Tony will be residing near Harvard Square in Cambridge for the contract duration. Who knows where he will be after that…**Bob Bergland '86** and wife Lori announce the birth of their son, Erik Robert , born 05/31/97. The Berglands continue to reside in Southington, CT…**Pat Tormey '86** has been promoted to the position of Director of Sales and Marketing at Thermo LabSystems in Beverly, MA. The new position has meant that Pat, wife Mary Ann, and daughters Carmen (2), Ginny (2), and Allison (8mos) have had to move from North Carolina to Marblehead, MA…**Jeff Remillard '85** received his MS in Computer Science from WPI in May...**Bob Stessel '69** is having so much fun in Grad School that his wife Beverly has decided to pursue a degree in Special Education. Bob is getting close to his MS in Oceanography as he has two courses and the thesis left. He recently spent ten days on the Georges Bank aboard a NOAA research vessel… **John Siegenthaler '87** is again working for Raytheon and now lives in Windham, NH…**Dan Falk '92** and **Chris Savina '91** went on a cruise in February to the Caribbean for a week. They report that it was a great time with sailing, hiking, drinking, and sightseeing. Dan liked it so much that he will be seeking out other brothers to put together another trip in the future…**Bill Iannacci '88** and wife Kim announce the birth of their son, William J., born 10/21/96…**John Swindell '92** has recently taken a position at Exchange Applications in downtown Boston. Data Exchange is a Data Warehousing/Marketing Applications firm… **Matt Goldman '83** has been promoted to Principal Senior Engineer at Divicom in Milpitas, CA…**Steve (Hewitty) Leece '69** has accepted a position of Vice President of Operations at Kollsman Inc.in Merrimack, NH. Steve and family are currently in the process of relocating from Spain to their new home in Amherst, NH…**Jeff McConnell ' 91** has accepted a position as a Mechanical Engineer at Sermatech in Biddeford, ME. **Sean Sweeney '89** is also an employed by Sermatech…**Dan Prior '73** has been named Manager of Material Supply for New England Electric…

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A LOOK BACK

Chris Duggan '83

5 YEARS AGO

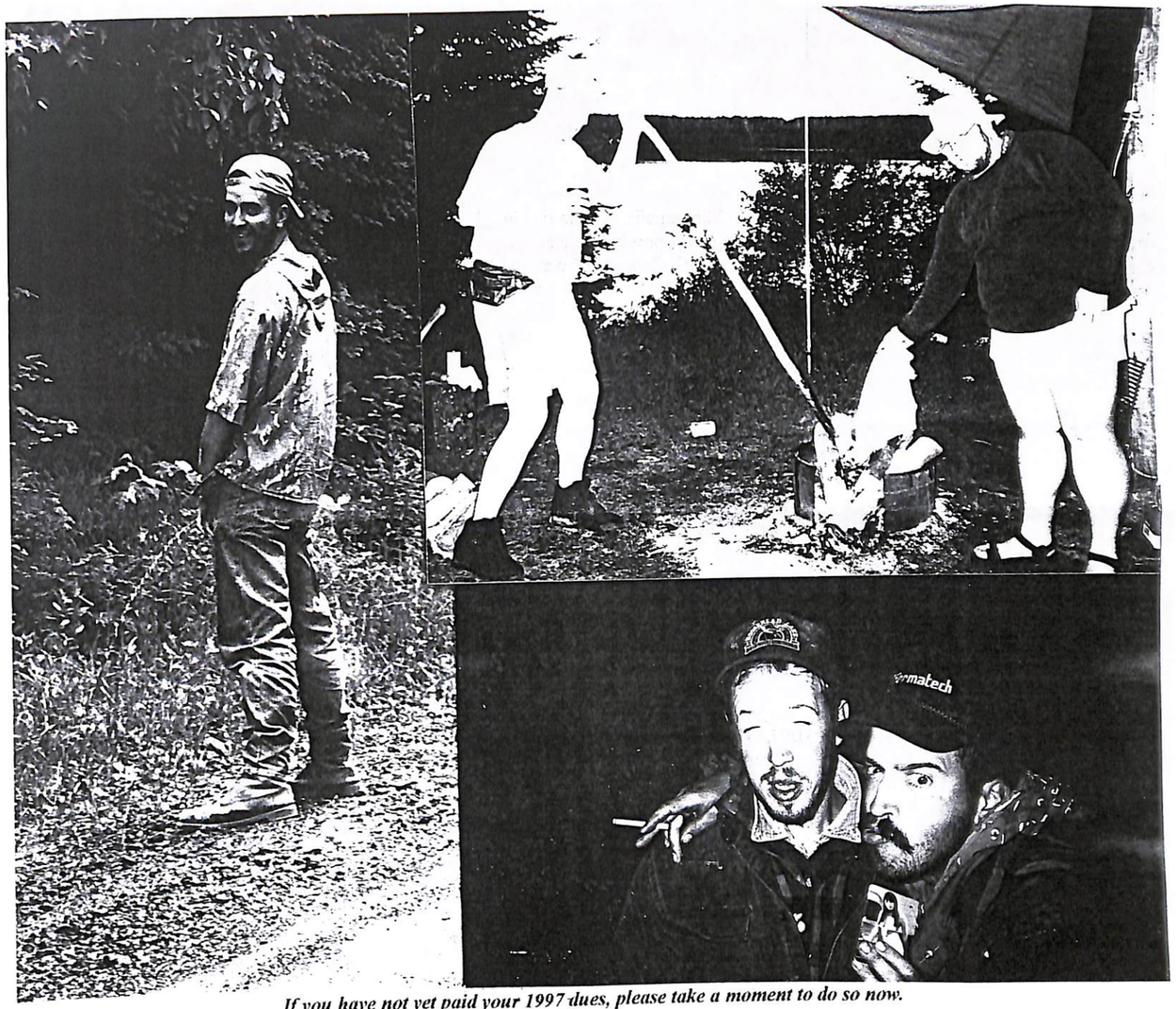
- Φ WPI Brothers attend institution of chapters at Frostburg State and Cornell.
- Φ Fraternity members pay their respects to past National President and former Graduate Man of the Year Paul Addams, Ave et Vale March 31.
- Φ TV room remodeled by new Brothers.

10 YEARS AGO

- Φ UMass Chapter granted a charter and 25 men initiated. WPI hosts
- ΦNational Council meeting, dinner, and social. WPI Brothers praised for "the hard work and diligence that they gave to the new Chapter members during their colony status."
- ΦJoe Bischof and Joelle celebrate their marriage.
- Φ Andy Krassowski and Geralyn Myers married and building a home in Southington, CT.
- ΦSALK GETS JOB at Gregg Corp. in Waltham.

15 YEARS AGO

- Φ Fundraising campaign launched for new National Headquarters.
- Φ Director Dan Prior married and living in Boston.
- Φ Successful Spring Fund Drive organized by Grad Chapter President Bob Andren '75, Secretary-Treasurer Rich Ludorf '74, and undergrad President John Paladino.



If you have not yet paid your 1997 dues, please take a moment to do so now.

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Hewitty's Trivia Corner *The "Swill" Shop*

by Senõr Steve (El Hewitty) Leece '69

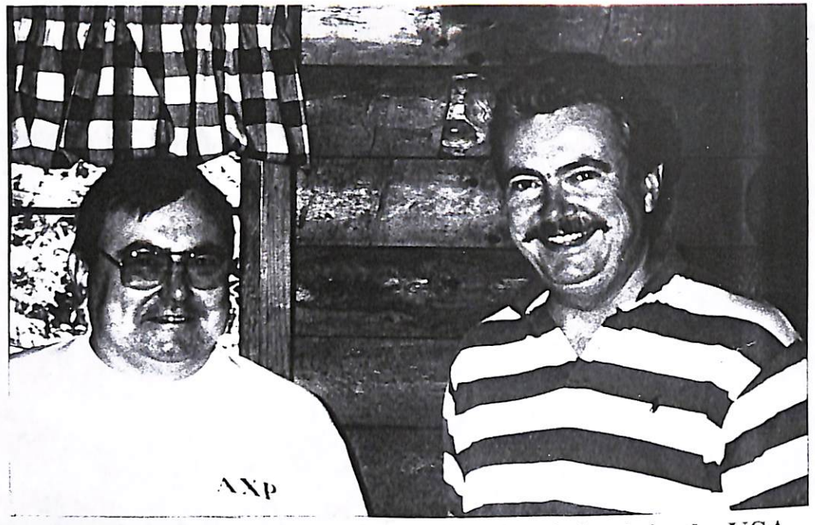
Hail, cheers,and greetings! It must be newsletter time again.

It must be newsletter time again. Wouldn't you know it...just when you think you've run out of trivia and other pointless items of dubious historical value, what should come along but the last October (overseas mail can be slooowwww) edition of the WPI Journal just full of juicy tidbits on the origins of the PLAN some twenty-five years ago. And, (joy of joys) this stuff is relevant to a bunch more readers than the ones with single digit scroll numbers. Readership might double...(from 2 to 4.)

Although we will quote voluminously from the articles, you would do well to glom a back copy for reference. There are probably some sitting around in dusty halls somewhere at the Tute if you already tossed yours out.

The first thing to say to you after reading Michael Dorsey's article, "A Miracle at Worcester" is, SEE, YOU BOZOS, I wasn't kidding about all those Saturday classes and ROTC and stuff!! Regarding life before PLAN he writes "In a typical four-year curriculum, most undergraduates had only two electives. Class attendance was mandatory. Saturday mornings were spent in classes or in drills for ROTC which was required of all students. Women guests (there were not yet female students at WPI) were prohibited from residence halls without supervision." ALL TRUE!!

The first obvious conclusion is that you now know why most alumns with scroll numbers lower than 100 reside somewhere between warp and compound fracture. Be that as it may, some of the olde ways gave rise to some rather obscure trivia. Where else but in Saturday morning classes could a bunch of drunks who had not been to bed yet



Batman and Robin, Move Over - Hewitty is back in the USA

after an all nite party score 40% on a quiz just by signing their names to the paper? If this isn't a scientific measure of one's learned knowledge of a subject, I don't know what one is. What great relevance to real life! How many folks do you know who draw a paycheck every week just because they show up in the workplace?

Of course, the great mandatory ROTC nicely complemented the great mandatory selective service system, Not only did marching around in ROTC prepare the flunk-outs and other draftees for marching around in boot-camp and Viet Nam, but it provided oodles of other delightful behaviorial studies too. One of the Tute's finest ROTC moments occured during final parade in 1969. Such a delightful spring day. The stands were filled with excited spectators watching cadets and generals and everybody marching around and saluting and standing at attention and stuff, at least until the sprinkler system turned on and watered everybody. A phenomenal show, actually. And another insight from the day... a wet general smells a lot like a wet dog. The custodians and grounds keepers provided more insight into human nature. When they found the locks to the sprinkler system house mysteriously changed, they didn't just sit back and decide to up the watering schedule four hours. They got out a little tractor and broke the door down to reset the system back four hours later. We are such creatures of habit!

Another phenomenon related to "pre-PLAN" days was one even nastier than wearing a slide rule on your belt. Again to quote the article: "Six hours of drawing in India ink was required of every single student, no matter what his major...The Mechanical Engineering Department, which employed a large cadre of drawing instructors and which clung to the belief that drawing was a basic requirement of engineering education, bitterly opposed eliminating this requirement."

Unfortunately, the royalties B. Leighton Wellman received for "Technical Descriptive Geometry" (contender for "The-Most-Pathetic" book written this century) were insufficient to pay the high class fees drawn by high class lobbyists to keep the requirement in. Wellman resigned (likely to the betterment of the ME Dept.) and the aforementioned book was made nonrequired (certainly to the betterment of every scroll number past forty or so.)

In those days rather immediately pre-PLAN, there was a growing sentiment from several people that there HAD to be life after partial differential equations. Notwithstanding that WPI was trying to stuff 5 years of class in a 4 year bag...notwithstanding that women were going to be allowed in dorms (permanently yet!)... quoting again: "...an all-campus Planning Day was held to get input from the entire community...Several trustees, most of the faculty [but probably not B. Leighton Wellman] and many students came and met in small groups... To assure that everyone could attend, Storke declared that all classes would be cancelled for the day, something no one could recall ever having happened at WPI" (I kind of recall

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Undergraduate NOOZ

By Brian Carey '98

Graduate to Undergraduate ratio: 20 to 1

Summer's Brother's Party - Saturday July 26th at 8 Boynton St. Activities included basketball, volleyball, pool, beer pong, frisbee golf and drinking mass quantities of fluids.

Rush begins later this year and has been shortened to 5 weeks. Bids will be distributed along with dorm keys during the Freshmen Move-In. This strategic plan devised by Jeff Semmel will enable us to begin rush with 700 bids and we will use postulancy to weed people out. This year's **Rush Chairman** is **John Casill '00** and the new **Postulancy Leader** is **Ken Knowles '98.**

Other appointed offices:

Activities Chairman - Ken Ozeni '00
Fraternal Officer - Nick Amaral '00
Publicity Officer - David Silva '00
Parliamentarian - Nathan Campoli '00
Scholastics Officer - Ravi Misra '00
Housing Officer - Tony Oses '98

Greek Move-In is Saturday Aug. 23, undergraduate brothers are expected to help out. This is the first step in a successful Rush '97. Stay tuned for further information.

Summer Status:
Everyone is gainfully employed. Salaries range from $6 to $18. There are 16 brothers living on campus, some of which have real jobs. Weekly activities include drinking and spectator sweeping. Summer getaways include Walden Pond, Charles River and various amusement parks. If interested in participating in any of these activities, please call the house.

CROWnet Update

by duggan@alum.wpi.edu

Hello AXP/DST brothers,

WPI has generously provided some new capabilities on their alumni server, so we have moved our CrowNet mailing over to their system. I've attached below some simple instructions to get you started.

If you choose to remain subscribed, you will be able to send/receive e-mail to over 150 Brothers currently on the list and you will receive occasional Grad Chapter news, event, and job announcements. If you decide not to be included, simply e-mail me and I will remove your name from the list.

By the way, the Grad Chapter web page on my Dartmouth site will be shut down by August 1 and hopefully integrated with the undergrad site.

1) To send an e-mail to EVERYONE on crownet:
Compose your message like you would any other and send it to rownet@alum.wpi.edu to be broadcast to everyone on the list. Just remember that you're sending to ver 150 people.

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GRAD CHAPTER NEWS

Report of Grad Chapter Meeting Alumni Appreciation Day(May 3, 1997):

Attendance: Dan Falla '91, Jim Nichols '86, Jeff Modderno '95, George Graw '86, Bob Tonning '95, Mark Stanley '85, Chris Duggan '83, Jose Orbegozo '96, Jeff Semmel '68, John Stewart '97, Alex Patrao '96, Art Rossomando '97, Dave Dibattista '90.

Officer Reports:

President (Jeff Sennel): Provided beer for the meeting.

Treasurer (Al Prescott): Drinking beer somewhere else.

Secretary (Jim Nichols): Please pass another beer.

Grad Advisor(Jeff Modderno): Showed up late and drank beer.

Historian (Chris Duggan): Needs to transfer computer accounts (loosen up and have a beer).

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

-Mark Stanley appointed Homecoming '97 Chairman.

-Mike Henry and Chris Duggan elected Grad Delegates to AXP Convention in Washington DC August 15-17.

Discussion:

-Discussed desire to increase grad social activities. Jeff Modderno appointed Grad Social Chairman.

-Discussed RUSH.

Announcements:

-BOD position opening at HOMECOMING. Let them know if your interested.

(Hewitty continued)

avoiding all the meetings to go to Clark University to take advantage of more stimulating pursuits.)

Dorsey's article rightly lauds many of the movers and shakers behind the PLAN. But he sadly (though perhaps to be expected) ignores the support for the new ideas and changes that came from the fraternities at that time. For at least the four years leading up to 1970 we can vouchsafe the overwhelming support the fraternities (individually and through the IFC) gave to the proponents of positive change.

Alas, not much has changed in this respect over the twenty-five years since. The five seers in Ruth Trask's excellent "2020 Foresight" blithely ignore the fraternity/sorority system. Colleen Fox's naivete of the world around her is evident in her call for refurbished dorms and campus social center to facilitate "community living and social growth." Fraternities and later sororities have been doing just that since the turn of the century. That a preponderance of the campus leaders, honor society members and highly successful alumni have come from the Greek system should come as no surprise because they were (and are) nurtured by living in communities which demand a large measure of management and negotiation skills derived from on-the-job training while at the same time developing powerful, lifetime friendships supported by effort, cameraderie and ritual. Nevertheless, I do support her call for the rebirth of the Goat's Head Pub. Having imbibed at the original one immediately after its founding I can assure her that the fraternity system vigorously supported the Pub even in spite of the view of one member of the school administration of the time who was heard to remark on the founding of the Pub: "We have fraternities. Why do we need another place to get drunk?"

And finally, while I can support Prof. Apelian's push to a "professional master's degree" or better yet, an MBA, (been there, done that, good deal) I read with regret his call for WPI to "include exposure to organizational behavior, finance and management, and global issues..." with absolutely no acknowledgement that fraternity (and sorority) membership have been providing this exposure for decades. As every fraternity officer, committee chairperson and rush coordinator can attest, learning to deal with, react to, predict and cope with human behavior and organizational behavior is critical to the well being of the House and is something, which when developed in the fraternity, carries with as a skill into the rest of life. What house manager, steward, treasurer or social chairman doesn't learn basics of finance and accounting under severe budget restraints and cash flow hardships?

In my multidecade experience of dealing with entry level new hires, it is easy to detect the fraternity or sorority member. They have an excellent sense of financial and management concepts.

Somehow, the "trivial" memories of Stessel rigging safety lights to code prior to a boardinghouse license inspection or OJ scraping sufficient cash reserves so Beverly the cook could pay for the week's menu or negotiating discounts with Shrewsbury Liquors, effectively driving competition into Hickey's domain are more indicative of Colleen's and the Professor's predictions than any dorm refurbishment or new management course could be. And it is hoped that the current brotherhood will continue to support healthy change on campus in spite of the fact that their (and the Greek system's) efforts will go largely unacknowledged.

So the Swill Shop will add a few prognostications of its own. (Though perhaps wishful thinking) by 2020 WPI boffins will wake up and publically acknowledge the support that the fraternity and sorority system has given the very foundations of the Institute for over a century. And should one day the Goat's Head Pub, like the Phoenix, arise from the ashes, the Greeks in particular will be able to belly up to the bar and say:

I'll drink to that!

Senor Hewitty

Some notes from the BOD

by Mike Henry '92

Howdy folks, not much news to report from the BOD. The undergrads managed to stay within budgets even with the confusion at the start of C-Term. There is still some money owed but its not too bad. Aged debt collection is going along as usual their still outstanding debt but Dave Colombo '92 has been working closey with GMI to get all the money, be aware if you owe we will find you. This homecoming we will have another association meeting in the morning with the election of a new director. This year Dave Colombo's term expires. Anyone interested in joing the BOD should contact an existing director to find out some information. We are still moving along with finding a new house, the feasibility study being done by Jordan O'Connor should be completed soon, expect a full report at the Homecoming meeting.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Re: Alpha Chi Rho Graduate Brother leads school to national recognition

Cambridge Elementary School (South Brunswick Township New Jersey) has been selected as a National School of Excellence through the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools Program. Cambridge Principal, Glenn Famous, received official notification through U.S. Congressman Mike Pappas and through the office of Richard Riley, U.S. Secretary of Education.

Mr. Famous, a 1984 graduate of La Salle University, has served as Cambridge School's Principal for the past four years. As an undergraduate, Famous served the Omega Phi Chapter as President and twice served as a National Undergraduate Councilor. He was selected as the R.B. Stewart Undergraduate Man of the Year in 1983.

The U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools Program is designed to recognized the nation's best schools. The Blue Ribbon application and verification process took eight months to complete. Cambridge School's Blue Ribbon application was forwarded to a New Jersey state review panel in October 1996. After a lengthy review process at the state level, Cambridge School was approved as one of New Jersey's 13 Blue Ribbon finalists. The application was then forwarded to Washington, DC, to be reviewed by a national panel. The written application was approved by the national panel and an intensive two day site visit was conducted in March 1997. The site visitor verified the excellence of the school's academic and co-curricular programs.

Cambridge School, located in Kendall Park, New Jersey, is a Kindergarten through grade 6 elementary school of 560 students. The school has been recognized locally and nationally for its commitment to excellence in academics, the arts and athletics. The themes of excellence, respect, and responsibility are the guide words for all curricular and co-curricular activities in the school. Cambridge has previously been recognized as one of the nation's best elementary schools by *Redbook* magazine and as a New Jersey Star School (1994).

Note:
Included as part of this release is **Part III - Summary** from the Cambridge School Blue Ribbon Application

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B.O.D. RECOMMENDS $ TO IMPROVE 8 BOYNTON

VOTE SET FOR MAY 2
by Steve Leece '69
B.O.D. Secretary

At the meeting of the Board of Directors held March 28, discussions focussed on the new 1998-99 undergraduate budget and upgrades to the House. Results of the undergraduate survey **(see summary of survey results on page 3)** were also discussed.

The Board unanimously approved and sent to the Association for vote a plan to upgrade furniture and cosmetic items in the House. This plan calls for spending $25,000 of building fund monies and receiving matching funds from WPI to accomplish the tasks this summer. A decorator was utilized to plan the upgrades. A special meeting of the Association is planned for May 2 to vote on the plan. This action is in response to long-term deterioration of the House condition and a significant concern of the undergraduates and many graduates. Renovations were considered a critical item in the undergraduate survey results.

A new House continued as a topic of discussion. In addition to the information presented at the Association meeting last October that a new house would cost $500,000-$1,000,000 depending on size and quality, it was indicated that the numbers of brothers living in the house need to be over 20 to handle a mortgage of $400,000 and over 40 for a mortgage of $800,000. The search for new housing will continue.

An undergraduate budget for the new year of $128,312 was approved. This budget includes a $3000 increase in social/activity funding to meet an increasing need for activities. The current year's plan will generate a small surplus.

A resource list to include those Graduate Brothers who can support short term projects is being compiled. Please take time to respond and volunteer.

The Board respectfully requests your support of the ongoing activities and your vote of support for the House renovations.

2 PROPERTIES STUDIED BY ARCHITECTS
by Bob Tonning, '95

The Board of Directors called a meeting of the Association on December 6, 1997 to present their findings of a feasibility study launched to investigate two potential fraternity houses on campus. The study, which took several months to organize and execute, was completed by Jordan O'Connor ssociates, a local Architectural firm who was involved in the Lambda Chi Alpha housing project a few years ago. The Board commissioned O'Connor to determine the feasibility of purchasing and renovating two local properties: 8 Boynton St., the current undergrad house, and 14-16 Dean St., located across the street from Phi Sigma Kappa and diagonally across from Sigma Pi.

Given the goal of a providing a house which would hold 30 to 35 brothers, Mr. O'Connor investigated both properties, and considered many factors, including overall cost of structural and cosmetic renovations (in addition to bringing the two structures "up to code"), as well as zoning and parking issues. With the assistance of a local construction company, O'Connor was able to estimate the costs required to satisfy these requirements.

Ultimately, however, it was determined that neither **(continued on page 9)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 25th - Grad Appreciation Day
11:00 am - Grad Chapter Meeting
12:30 pm - Barbecue
1:30 pm - Volleyball, Basketball, Pool

Saturday, May 2nd
11:00 am - Building Association Mtg

Saturday, May 16th -
1:00 pm - Graduation Reception

Sparky's Gossip

by Mark Stanley '85

Congratulations to **George Graw '86** on his engagement to Ann Tafe of Boston. George and Ann plan an August wedding… **Al Prescott '90** has taken a position as a Senior Process Development Engineer at Anika Therapeutics in Woburn, MA... **Dave Colombo '92** recently passed his Professional Engineering (P.E.) exam in Electrical Engineering. Dave and has fiancee Jennifer Powderly will be getting married 09/12/98 in Worcester, MA… **Chris MacDonnell '86** has moved to Copenhagen, Denmark in search of a bridge related Civil Engineering Job. Chris is currently taking Danish language classes… **John Gasstrom '91** has transferred to NYSEG's Ithaca, NY General Office where he now manages the company's Lotus Notes and Windows NT server infrastructure. John, wife Polly, and daughter Merete are in the process of house hunting in Ithaca… **Rob Jackson '95** is engaged to be married to Stacey Watrous on 05/16/98. Rob has been working in Chicago but will be relocating to MA at the end of April… **Jay Cameron '83** has accepted a two year assignment in Austin, TX for his employer's (HSB) Mechanical and Materials Engineering Division. Jay will begin his assignment in mid July…**Kevin Daniels '91** was recently engaged to Laura Paciorek (also WPI class of '92). The wedding is planned for 09/26/98 … **Dan Falla '91** and **Jim Nichols '86** were sent to rescue the residents of Quebec after many severe January ice storms. Dan and Jim worked 28 straight days restoring power to the province, while Dan's abandoned and pregnant wife Tammy remained at home… **Chris '83** and Mary Fran **Duggan** are getting acclimated to Minneapolis. Chris, through his employment with Northwest Airlines, has managed to arrange several trips for himself and Mary Fran. They have gone to Mt. Rushmore, Washington, D.C., Memphis, Salt Lake City, St. Louis, Dallas, Portland, and the Canadian Rockies… **Jay McGaffigan '92** is to be wed to Heather Bourgeois on 10/17/98… **Joe Maraia '96** recently moved to Boston, MA. Joe is currently working for Bell Atlantic, and is taking several courses for a Master's Degree in Patent Law… **Dave DiBattista '90** completed his MBA from the RPI satellite in Hartford after five years of night school… **Tony Beville '89** is currently living in San Diego, CA and working as a contractor at a machine vision company called Wintriss Engineering which does image processing for the gold industry… **Bob Tonning '95** was wed to Jen Kavka in 10/04/97 in Ludlow, MA. They recently purchased a new home in Holden, MA, which they moved into on April 12th…**Mike Bowen '90** is finishing his MBA at William & Mary and already accepted a position at Dell Computer in Austin, TX. He will start 08/01/98 in their Corporate Treasury Department. Mike also went to spring break in Acapulco, Mexico and met up with **Sergio Rivas '90**... **John Pieper '97** was wed on 02/14/98 to Lexi Chuteranski… **Jeff Remillard '85** and wife Stephanie Gant proudly announced the birth of their daughter, Grace Ellen Remillard on 4/5/98… **Jeff '68** and Susan **Semmel** purchased a second home in Vero Beach, FL. They plan to split their time between Massachusetts and Florida. Jeff and Susan have started a daily walking regimen. They recently hosted **Mark Stanley '85**, who was in Florida on a business trip. Jeff and Mark managed to take in a Celtics - Magic game in Orlando while Mark was visiting…

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A LOOK BACK

Chris Duggan '83

5 YEARS AGO

Φ Grads solve murder mystery at "Mystery Cafe"

Φ Pledge project reconstructs basement.

Φ Przybylowicz, Rydant, and Niedjielski weddings

10 YEARS AGO

Φ Second house completed "on time thanks to great efforts by Bill Iannacci and numerous others

15 YEARS AGO

Φ AXP opens R.B. Stewart National Headquarters in Neptune, NJ..

Φ Alcombright car engulfed by flames

Φ Jay Cameron succeeds John Paladino as President.

20 YEARS AGO

Φ Delta Sigma Tau joins Alpha Chi Rho and Richard V. Olson becomes house advisor. House weekend includes brothers from Utica, Southern Conn, and RPI.

Φ Richard Logan appeals to alumni for DST Alumni scholarship fund, maintained by Paul Grady

Φ Tim Bamford and John Pardo elected president and VP.

25 YEARS AGO

Φ Plans under way to construct a new party room on the rear of the house AXP

Φ New Chancellor Hunt Sutherland '74 and Lt.Chancellor Robert Hart '75

UNDERGRADUATE SURVEY RESULTS

by Steve Leece '69

In an effort to better assess the mood and needs of the undergraduates, the Board of Directors conducted a survey of the undergraduate members in March. The survey, consisting of 120 questions and constructed in the fashion of an employee survey contained both positively and negatively worded questions and had several "check" questions to check validity of answers. Thirty one undergraduates participated in the survey.

FRATERNALISM questions (dealing with views toward brotherhood and personal interactions) had in excess of 80% favorable response. Most people indicated that they would "be willing to do more" in the House. There were only 2 or 3 unhappy respondents of the 31.

COST questions showed that over 80% of the respondents believe that the costs of the fraternity are reasonable. 90% indicated a willingness to pay more to live in a new house and 75% were willing to pay for some renovations.

ATTITUDE TOWARD FRATERNITY had a 76% favorable response with virtually all unfavorable response coming from upperclassmen. "Nobody cares" and "the fraternity never does anything fun" had a 25% unfavorable response, again mostly from upperclassmen. Participation in jobs and routine house activities received >85% favorable response.

CONDITION OF THE HOUSE received an overall 40% unfavorable response with 100%! of the responses stating they want the house fixed up. 40% think the house is the LARGEST drawback to rush. Only 50% rate food quality as high. The Board has taken House Condition as a major improvement effort this year.

RELATIONS WITH WPI rate remarkably low with a 60% unfavorable response. 60% say "WPI hates us".

NATIONAL fared poorly with many people omitting answers to National questions because they had no information. 60% say National adds no value.

RUSH fared well despite 40% who think Rush is ineffective and a large amount who feel Rush needs more training and resources. The reimplementation of a Rush Conclave appears to be imperative.

100% of the respondents want to maintain alcohol in the fraternity (no dry house).

86% feel there should be more fraternity activities, especially social events and intramural and other activities. The Board has addressed this concern with additional budget approved for next year for these functions.

The entire survey was discussed at the March 28th Board meeting and a copy has been given to the undergraduates for discussion at a regular meeting. Actions stemming from the survey have been identified by the Board.

Those who would like a complete copy of the results can request one via email sleece@kollsman.com or by post from:

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Hewitty's Trivia Corner *Ye Olde "Swille" Shop*

by Steve (Hewitty) Leece '69

Hail, Cheers, Greetin's and all that and welcome once again to Ye Olde Swille Shoppe. Now to the astute readers who immediately said "Wait a minute! I thought this was El Swillo Shopo" let us say that you are exactly correct and that the Swill Shop has relocated once again from the sunny climate of beautiful downtown Madrid to the snowy New Hampshire Woods. It isn't that we have lost our minds or anything... it's just that we have become accustomed to eating on a more or less regular basis and so New Hampshire it is.

On the bright side, however, returning to 'Tute country has provided some excellent opportunities for dredging up more trivia, especially by way of finding interesting stuff in the junk one moves when one makes a move. Those of you who have made moves know exactly how painful the activity is (I'll take a root canal any day) and know also how much stuff that should have been buried aeons ago seems to exhume itself and come back to haunt you. Things like photos of oneself skinny and with hair or notes from past loves in one's life or long overdue library books whose fines have now escalated to compare with the National Budget Deficit.

At any rate, what bit of long lost stuff (junk? detritus? treasure?? etc) should have turned up but the 1965-1966 edition of (ta-da!) the TECH BIBLE. Now I dunno if they even publish this thing any more or if it went the way of beanies, signs and bow ties. Nevertheless, it is a little gray book with a sappy looking goat on the cover and is called the "Tech Bible" or "Student's Handbook" for short..

This gem starts off with a short note from Harry P. (for Purnell... about as dumb a middle name as most of those in the pledge book I had to memorize back then) Storke (ex-General and still dead.) He stated "At Worcester Tech we have a fine fraternity system controlled in the main by reasonable self-government...Enjoy your home-away-from-home and benefit yourself thereby." Not a bad statement from a West Point General during the Viet Nam War all things considered. After all here was a whole class of high calibre cannon fodder except for the ROTC guys who would ultimately be top candidates to play "Frag-the Looie" in Da Nang. Or Phuket. Phuket was always the best, especially when some new anchor-person was trying to pronounce it on the evening news.

Amongst the "Tech Customs" listed are the Interfraternity Weekend and I quote "The I.F. weekend is the informal school weekend in the fall. Second only to the Junior Prom on the social calendar, sponsored by the I.F. Council and attended by fraternity and non-fraternity men alike." And don't forget the Pi Delta Epsilon Songfest, "The interfraternity sing for possession of a trophy is held by Pi Delta Epsilon every year. Each Fraternity is represented by an octet and the competition is quite keen. Don't miss the event" Do you think they sang songs like "Alma Mater" ("Dear Worcester Tech, Our Worcester Tech, Our praises sing to thee...") and "The Tech Marching Song" ("We'll root for Worcester, come let ev'ry Tech man cheer...")? And by the way, every freshman was supposed to learn the songs to go with the bow tie and sign.

Other great items of interest include that the cheerleader co-captains were D.B.Klein and Bob Woog. Seems AEPi had a hammerlock on the cheerleading squad. And the oldest standing track record was the mile run set in 1911 by R.L. Keith at 4:24.4 (timing by Acme Sundials.)

The freshman rules were succinct, easy to read and easy to understand. Not a word from a lawyer in the bunch:

"The following rules will be learned by number and observed by the members of the class of '69':

1) Wear a freshman cap, tie and sign at all times when on campus, Sundays excepted. The sign will consist of two 10"x12" pieces of cardboard to be worn sandwich board fashion. Printed on each sheet will be your name and home town in 2" letters. (The better to let the fratrenitiy guys learn your names, bozos.)

2) Remove the cap when entering a building and tip your cap to all members of the faculty and "The Skull". (So who can tell unless they're in costume?)

3) Act and dress in a manner befitting a college gentleman. (I guess there may have been some back then. Probably still dead.)

4) Cross west Street by Earle Bridge only. (Also so the fraternity guys can rush more easily.)

5) Greet Tech men with a cheery "Hi!" (I mostly remember the "beery hi!")

6) Learn all the tech cheers and songs immediately. (Right!)

7) Carry the Tech Bible at all times with the title page completely filled out. (With all this good stuff, who wouldn't? Besides you never knew when the stall would be out of toilet paper.)

8) Support all school functions. (Including the mathematical ones.)

It should be noted that the school also gave out names and addresses of all accepting Frosh to the fraternities in the Spring so they could send summer rush material.

There are also several pages of tips on rushing, fraternity prizes and other fraternity stuff. What is so important to this discussion is that the flavor of the book is PRO-FRATERNITY and that every mention by the administration is supportive, not destructive to the fraternity system. So where have we come today? **(continued on page 8)**

Undergraduate NOOZ

By John Casil '00

With all the big doin's at the undergraduate house, it's a wonder how anyone gets anything else done. In February, 10 new brothers were initiated. Brian Felouzis, Brendan Casey, Tom Collins, Andy Kern, Ralph Thompson, Mike Bozzi, Pete Gonsalvez, Tim Pedro, Ken Fountain, Debabrata Banerjee (gazundheit) are the fall class of 1997. No sooner did we initiate them then we signed 5 new postulants. Brian Zifcak, Arthur (Luke) Smith, Jaseem Hasib, Sean Wickman, and Will Alter are the spring class of 1998. Aside from recruitment, we're increasing inter-chapter relations. Twelve brothers represented the chapter at Monmouth University for the intstitution of the newest chapter. Good times were had by all.

In February, the new exec was installed. The new exec includes:

President - John Casill '00
Vice President - Randy McMahon '99
Treasurer - Bob Parette '99
Secretary - Emar Togol '00
House Manager - Jamie Karl '00
Social Chairman - Andre Orbegozo '99
Steward - Lance Anselm '99
Member-at-Large - Ravi Misra '00
Risk Management Officer - Nick Amaral '00

The new Exec is a great blend of fresh ideas and experience. We're really excited about the upcoming year. As committee heads are appointed, they are sure to add to enthusiasm.

A final note. Be sure to congratulate the WPI Class of 1998 next time you see them. Graduated this past December are Art Rossomando and Jon Tanner. Graduating this May are Nate Hendrix, Brian Bresnahan, Doug Sullivan, Randy Gilbert, Keven Carpenter, Luke Poppish, Brian Carey, Ken Knowles, Lino Brosco, Matt Craig, Sean Gregory, Theo Panton, and Jay BourgeoisGreek Move-In is Saturday Aug. 23, undergraduate brothers are expected to help out. This is the first step in a successful Rush '97. Stay tuned for further information.

CROWnet Update

Chris Duggan reports that there are now 158 subscribers to crownet.

IF YOU ARE NOT ON CROWNET YET, YOU CAN JOIN BY FOLLOWING THESE INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE AUGUST '97 NEWSLETTER.

If you choose to subscribed, you will be able to send/receive e-mail to over 150 Brothers currently on the list and you will receive occasional Grad Chapter news, events, and job announcements.

1) To send an e-mail to EVERYONE on crownet:
Compose your message like you would any other and send it to rownet@alum.wpi.edu to be broadcast to everyone on the list. Just remember that you're sending to ver 150 people.

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(SWILL continued from page 4) Seems to me that the school and the world have conspired to make it much harder these days. The little aides to rush like the signs and the mailing lists
helped the Fraternities a lot. The school acknowledged in the "Bible" that 70% of the men on campus would join fraternities and supported that activity. They never "banned" parties and always supported the IFC (certainly the year I sat on it). When big problems arose (like the TKE sewer party incident) (and it was a terrific party as those alums who were there with me will attest) the school worked hard to keep the problem at home and deal with it internally. Our litigious society has not helped.

But enough of the philosophizing. We will take our trivial leave, leaving you trivia, again from the "Tech Bible"

There were a total of 19 points to be contested in the Freshman-Sophomore rivalry. The rope pull counted for 3. Rifle competition only 1. (ROTC didn't count for much at all. And nobody seemed to care that much except for the rope pull and paddle rush. Both the latter would be banned by OSHA today, so it's hard to fathom if any traditions will be allowed to exist in the future.)

Twelve referees from the Senior class were appointed to oversee the Paddle Rush. (Extra credit: Name someone who needed stitches after Paddle Rush. Name
someone who was sober after paddle rush.)

The losing side on rope pull had to be pulled entirely thru institute pond. (This usually played hell with the Tux the leader of the losing team was wearing. Cleaning bills were borne by the class treasury. One can imagine the wedding the tux goes to after the rope pull. No wonder the divorce rate went up.)

Fraternities competed for the $100 scholarship prize, the $75 improvement prize and the $125 general excellence prize. 2 points toward the general excellence prize was awarded for each intercollegiate bridge match. 20 were awarded for a varsity letter. Skull was worth 10. (I don't recall ever winning during my days on campus. Usually the KAP won because they had more jocks than bridge players. At the rate of tuition inflation, that prize would be worth over $1250 today. No wonder the prizes have gone the way of the buggy-whip.)

No student is allowed to be registered for more than 12 regular semesters of undergraduate work. No student could register for less than 12 nor more than 19 credit hours per semester. (Since anything you registered for was hell anyway, the limit on overload was probably reasonable. However, WPI required 144 hours to graduate while most other schools required 120 or so. Who got the better deal is up for discussion.)

Any QPA (or CQPA) of less than 1.70 put you on probation. 2 semesters in a row on probation got you suspended for a semester. 2 suspensions got you kicked out. (Count 'em. We have several alums who will attest to the accurracy of this information.)

During the singing of Alma Mater, all Tech men stand with bared heads. (Backwards ball caps hadn't been invented yet except for catchers for the Red Sox.)

The primary mission of the ROTC unit is to train college men to become well qualified junior officers of the Army while the secondary purpose is to help students to become better citizens. (Based on the results of our alumni who went thru the program, I'd say they failed miserably on both counts. Good thing nobody pulled a QPA on the ROTC department. They would have flunked out decades ago.)

I'll drink to that.....

Hewitty

(ARCHITECT STUDY - continued from page 1) property was truly feasible. In order for 8 Boynton St. to house more people, an addition would need to be constructed over the existing party room. However, due to the inadequacy of the party room foundation, this addition would need to be supported independently. Furthermore, this property would have insufficient parking, and would also require major renovations to meet current building codes, including a complete sprinkler system, handicapped access, and a first floor bedroom. The Dean Street property also lacked adequate parking, requiring the fraternity to purchase an additional lot within 1000 feet of the property for the construction of a parking lot. The final recommendation from the Architect was for AXP to continue its housing search.

While the undergrads continued their search, the BOD met again to discuss fraternity housing. In this meeting, the Board voiced their concerns that current undergraduate numbers may not be sufficient to support a new house. It was suggested by the undergraduates that the condition of the current house was a very negative selling point during Rush, and also negatively impacted the morale of the brotherhood. The BOD approved a motion to contract an interior decorator to advise AXP on ways to improve the current fraternity house, and provide estimates of these costs. The Board also discussed investing between $20,000 and $30,000 for this purpose.

The Board also met with WPI to discuss AXP's feelings of the current condition of the 8 Boynton St. property. BOD Chairman Bob Tonning met with Mr. John Miller, Director of WPI Plant Services, who currently manages this property. In this meeting, the Board informed WPI of its plans to invest some of its funds to improve the living conditions in the house, citing our intentions to invest the majority of our money in items which could be taken with us if a new house was purchased (sofas, tables, chairs, etc.). The Board asked the school to make a similar financial commitment, making significant improvements to the structure itself. Mr. Miller indicated that WPI was willing to make many such improvements. Some of the improvements which have already been slated for this summer include a sprinkler system and Internet access in each bedroom. The BOD will meet with the school again this spring to discuss additional house improvements.

Overall, the BOD learned a great deal during their investigation of the two properties, and will most likely repeat the process if other potential properties become available. In the interim, the Board will work closely with WPI to transform 8 Boynton Street into a better place to live.

LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE INSPIRING

by Matt Tricomi '97

March 14th and 15th marked the first weekend of an all out undergraduate and graduate retreat weekend. For the spring postulant class of 5, there was the standard postulant retreat at the Whately Cabin for the weekend with the host, 3 undergrads, and the postulant class. For the rest of the leaders in the house, which ideally would include all of the executive committee, all officers and any aspiring to be an officer, the first annual leadership conclave was held hosted by the graduate chapter in Arlington, MA.

The 6 hour long day was split into two parts, the first half of the day being several small groups of undergrads led by grads in topics of communication, leadership, openness, and trust with focus on the landmarks for the why we are doing this. Activities were led by 2 or 3 grads in each group. After a break for lunch prepped by Mike Henry '94, the undergrads were sent out to the wild on a 1.5 mile hunt. The idea was that they would use the basic concepts they keyed in on the morning. Unfortunately, they took it all in so fast, that they finished way ahead of time.

While the undergrads were on the hike, graduates took that time to discuss basic goals that the undergrads should "focus" on for the house to grow (in more ways than numbers). The ideas of motivation, pride, initiative, organization, and support were the goals. After "the hunt" ended and a short break, the group broke up into 2 teams of grads and undergrads. The undergrads led the discussion with slight advisement by the grads of how to make these ideals come true. After this, we all finally met, presented our thoughts, and picked 10 goals that the undergrads need to make happen for the house to thrive. They assigned specific officers to follow up within two weeks on getting the ball going.

Overall, the graduates all agree that the grad/undergrad partnership greatly benefitted from this event that produced an atmosphere of success, high morale, and a feeling that it can be done! Great many thanks go out to the grads who participated, advised, and took time to help out the undergrads.

(Editors Note: ***Matt Tricomi organized and promoted this successful event. Thank-you Matt for a job well done!)***

GRAD CHAPTER NEWS

Agenda for Grad Chapter Meeting
Alumni Appreciation Day(April 25, 1998):

Important topics of discussion for the Graduate Chapter Meeting will include the Building Association proposal to spend $25,000 on improvements to 8 Boynton and the AXP/DST 35th Anniversary Weekend planned for the Fall of 1999. Volunteers to serve on a planning committee for the 35th anniversary will be solicited. Preliminary plans would make it a weekend long event based at a Worcester area hotel to take place at Homecoming 1999 with a traditional banquet Saturday evening.

Grad Chapter Officers:
President: Mark Stanley '85
Treasurer: Al Prescott '90
Secretary: Jim Nichols '86
Grad Advisor: Jeff Modderno '95
Historian: Chris Duggan

Next Elections: Homecoming '98

RICHARD LOGAN

It is with deep regret that the death of Brother Richard Logan is announced. Brother Logan died of lung cancer on March 18, 1998.

Jeff Semmel described Richard as "a WPI class of '70 graduate, a Vice President of DST, an AXP brother, a poker player, a friend, and a kind and decent person"

As a graduate brother Rich volunteered countless hours setting up the first professional accounting system for the fraternity.

A memorial service was held for Rich in Lebanon, CT on March 28th.

The Brotherhood Needs you!

(An Unpaid Advertisement)

With our busy lives and tapped resources we can not all give extended time and money to the brotherhood. However, from time to time the BOD has short-term projects, which need graduate experience and leadership. the more of these which get completed, the better the brotherhood.

These projects, which take less than 20 hours of effort, range drastically in subject matter and can be completed from anywhere. Recent examples included:

- Undergraduate Survey Development
- Hosting of a chapter conclave (Fraternity funded)
- Property Research
- Fraternity Employee Search (Cook, Accountant, Collection Agency, etc.)

We are asking for names, fraternal interests and contacts to build a database that we may tap. If you are interested, please complete the form below and mail to:

George Graw
80 Spruce Street
Watertown, MA 02172

or e-mail the info to:
George_S_Graw@rcs.raytheon.com

Name:
Year:
Best Way to Contact:
Address:

Interest (check all that apply)

Property _____ Membership _____
Fraternal _____ Social _____
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THIS ISSUE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM BRO'S TO UPDATE GRAD DATABASE

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THE WPI CROW

AXP NEWSLETTER ΔΣT

AXP/DST 35th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET SET FOR SEPTEMBER 25TH

MARLBORO RADISSON TO HOST

by Mark Stanley '85

The plans for the 35th Anniversary celebration of our chapter's founding in 1965 are now complete. Events will coincide with WPI Homecoming and will take place the weekend of September 25 - 26. The culmination of the weekend is the Anniversary Banquet to be held Saturday, September 25th, at 7:00pm in the Massachusetts Ballroom at the Radisson Inn of Marlboro, MA. The menu for the banquet will include the entree choice of either Baked Boston Scrod, Prime Rib of Beef, or Baked Stuffed Chicken Supreme. Tickets will be $35.00 per person and must be purchased in advance for planning purposes. The banquet is open to all undergraduate and graduate members as well as their guests. A cocktail reception at 6:00pm in the hotel will precede the banquet.

The regular schedule of events for Homecoming will take place earlier in the day on Saturday. There will be a Building Association Meeting at 8 Boynton Street at 11:00am followed by a Graduate Chapter Meeting at 11:30am. A tailgate party is planned for lunch at 12:30pm on the WPI quadrangle.

A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of $99.00 per night at the Radisson Inn for alumni that choose to stay either Friday or Saturday evenings. **Rooms need to be reserved 30 days in advance and can be booked by calling 508-480-0015 (be sure to indicate that you are with the AXP).** The hotel offers a variety of amenities which include 206 rooms, fitness center with nautilus equipment, free weights, jacuzzi, sauna, indoor pool, 2 racquetball courts, full restaurant and tavern, and on site Avis Car Rental The hotel also is associated with the Marlboro-Westboro Airport Shuttle (800-242-0064) which offers transportation to Logan Airport every 45 minutes. The hotel is easily accessible as it is situated on Route 20 at exit 24 off Route 495. Guests arriving Friday evening will meet at 7:00pm in the Post Road Tavern at the hotel for an informal dinner. Plans call for guests staying Saturday evening to meet at the hotel restaurant for breakfast/brunch on Sunday at 10:00am.

Invitations to the weekend, with all pertinent information included, will be going out to all alumni in early July. Replies with payment are needed back by mid August. Anyone interested in pre-paying for the Banquet or wanting additional information can contact Michael Henry '92 via email at **henrym@sprynet.com,** by US mail at 61 Dawson Road Worcester, MA 01602, or call (508) 756 - 9172. Checks should be made out to Alpha Chi Rho and must include your dinner selection(s).

It is highly recommended that you reserve your rooms as soon as possible if you are considering staying overnight. Room accommodations for this weekend in eastern Massachusetts are limited due to the hosting of the Ryder Cup Golf tournament in Brookline. The Rasisson Inn will charge $169.00 per night with a five night minimum stay if you do not book a room more than 30 days in advance.

(Members of the 35th Anniversary committee are Chairman Mark Stanley '85, Mike Henry '92, Jim Nichols '86, Mike Lemberger '91, Brian Carey '98, Cathy and Dave DiBattista '90, Andy Stone '02.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 24th
– Summer Brothers Party at 8 Boynton

Sunday, July 25th
– Family Outing at Rutland State Park
(tonning@erols.com or 508-829-9595)

Saturday, August 28th
– Toad Valley Pig Roast at Jim Nichols' Cabin
(nichos@neesnet.com or 413-665-4348)

Saturday, September 25th
– HOMECOMING - 35th ANNIVERSARY
(henrym@sprynet.com or 508-756-9172)

Sparky's Gossip

by Mark Stanley '85

Steve '91 and Brenda **Bullied** announce the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Anne born 02/16/99…**Ralph '85** and Susan **Casale** have recently closed on a new home in Westford, MA and will be moving in June… Kevin Bowen '90 started a new position in December at Arrowpoint Communications…**Larry Dzaugis '73** reports that he has been contracting at Celestica in Chippawa Falls, WI since 02/15/99. In that time, Larry has been getting acquainted with the local bars and especially likes the ratio of one bar to every 400 inhabitants…**Rob '95** and Stacey **Jackson** have moved into their new home in Holden, MA…**John Stewart '97** has take a position in sales at MSC and has relocated to Atlanta as of February. John was recently visited by **Matt Tricomi '97**…**Mike '91** and Joanne **Lemberger** have recently moved into a new home in Oxford, MA…**Pat Tormey '86** has been promoted to Vice President of Sales for Thermo LabSystems of Beverly, MA , a subsidiary of Thermo BioAnalysis…**John Swindell '92** and his wife Amy have both been traveling for work in Asia having spent quite a bit of their time in Singapore…**Bob '95** and Jen **Tonning** announce the birth of a son, Robert Jeremy, born 4/11/99 and weighing 5lbs 13oz...**Jay Pulli '75** continues as a Senior Scientist at GTE/BBN Technologies in Arlington, VA. Jay's work involves R&D for monitoring the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, as well as research for detecting unexploded ordnance and underground structures. He also publishes his photography as a hobby on his own web site (www.pulli.com)…**John McEnaney '87**, wife Carol, and son Thomas have moved into their new home in Swampscott, MA. John was also promoted to Director of Global Technology Operations at Sapient in Cambridge, MA. He recently collaborated on a project with **Kevin Geoffrey '90** for the Marine Corps redesigning their business environment and technical architecture…**Don Cournoyer '95** was promoted to Air Force Captain and is now a Communications Engineer assigned to the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, NY. He had previously just completed his Master's Degree from the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, OH…**Ken Carpenter '90**, through his position at the Aetna International, Inc. Home Office Actuarial Dept., has recently visited Jakarta, Bangkok, Singapore, Tapei, and Kuala Lumpur. Ken mixed pleasure with business and visited with **Jim Myran '87** and his wife Kazumi while in Singapore… **Bob Bergland '86** transferred 6 months ago to Integrated Process Technologies (IPT), a subsidiary of his former employer, HSB of Hartford, CT. Bob's new position is Manager of Technology Integration which involves integrating the web, databases, call management, email, and other technologies for the company…**Jeff '95** and Carla **Moderno** have bought a new home in Northbridge, MA…**Tony Beville '89** continues his never-ending world tour as he has just completed 3 months of touring South America. He is looking to take up residence in San Diego, CA…**Kevin Duprey '91** is employed as a Senior Analytical Engineer in the R&D Division of Ensign-Bickford Co. in Simsbury, CT. He and his wife Teresa reside in Rocky Hill, CT…**Andy Siegel '89** is working as a Field Sales Engineer for Integrated Device Technology, in San Jose, CA. Andy had recently completed a nine year stint in the Navy having been stationed in Virginia Beach, VA on the USS George Washington (CVN 73), in Pearl Harbor, HI as the Aide to the Commander of the Pearl Harbor Naval Base, and in Yokosuka, Japan and San Diego, CA as the Operations Officer on the USS Hewitt (DD 966)…**Chris '83** and Mary Fran **Duggan** will be moving into their new home in Eagan, MN this summer…John Downes '78 became an uncle to triplets last december 12th when his sister-in-law gave birth in Lincoln Nebraska…**John Gasstrom '91** proudly announced that his second child, Maxwell Glen, was born on May 27th. John was moving in to his new home in Binghamton, NY when his wife Polly realized Max wanted out. John also started a new job, still at NYSEG, as a Sr Technical Associate on June 1. Whew!….

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A LOOK BACK

Chris Duggan '83

5 YEARS AGO

Φ Fourteen brothers initiated after a 10-year low in membership had been reached. Dinner at Leo's Ristorante.

Φ Lehigh chosen to host annual convention in Harrisburg.

Φ Grad Chapter "CROWNET" started.

10 YEARS AGO

Φ North Adams State instituted on Nov 5, 1988.

15 YEARS AGO

Φ 400 brothers from 23 chapters battle a blizzard to attend 12th annual Crow Bowl at State College.

Φ Ben Thompson named scholastic advisor

Φ AXPEF establishes Richard V. Olson Memorial Scholarship

Φ"Crow Quest" pledge event created and organized by Jim Nichols and George Graw.

20 YEARS AGO

Φ Delta Sigma Phi chapter of AXP formed. Fourteen brothers and eleven DST alumni initiated on Nov 4, 1978.

Φ DST elections held. Bob Byron "Chancellor", Charlie Lauzon "L.Chancellor", Dave Altieri "Scribe", Jon Kardell "K.O. the Exchequer", John Kowalonek "Social".

25 YEARS AGO

Φ 25 brothers attend House Picnic at Rutland State Park.

AXP/DST 35TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

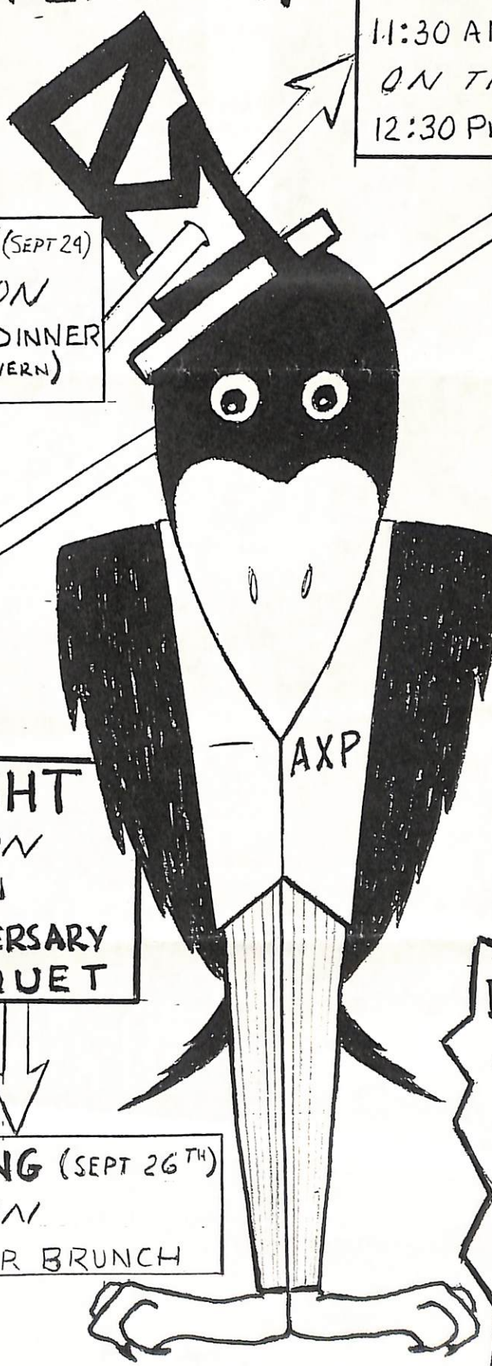
SEPT 24-26, 1999

#1

FRIDAY NIGHT (SEPT 24)
AT THE RADISSON
7:00 PM - MEET FOR DINNER
(POST ROAD TAVERN)

#2

SATURDAY DAY (SEPT 25TH)
AT THE HOUSE
11:00 AM - BUILDING ASSOCIATION MTG
11:30 AM - GRAD CHAPTER MTG
ON THE QUAD
12:30 PM - TAILGATE BARBECUE



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SATURDAY NIGHT
AT THE RADISSON
6:00 PM - RECEPTION
7:00 PM - 35TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

#4

SUNDAY MORNING (SEPT 26TH)
AT THE RADISSON
10:00 AM - MEET FOR BRUNCH

RADISSON INN
ROOM RATE: $99/NIGHT
RESERVATIONS:
Call 508-480-0015
30 Days in Advance
(INDICATE WITH AXP)

BANQUET DETAILS
COST: $35/PERSON
MEAL: CHICKEN, SCROD, or PRIME RIB
RESERVATIONS:
SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO Alpha Chi Rho
TO: MIKE HENRY
61 DAWSON ST
WORCESTER, MA
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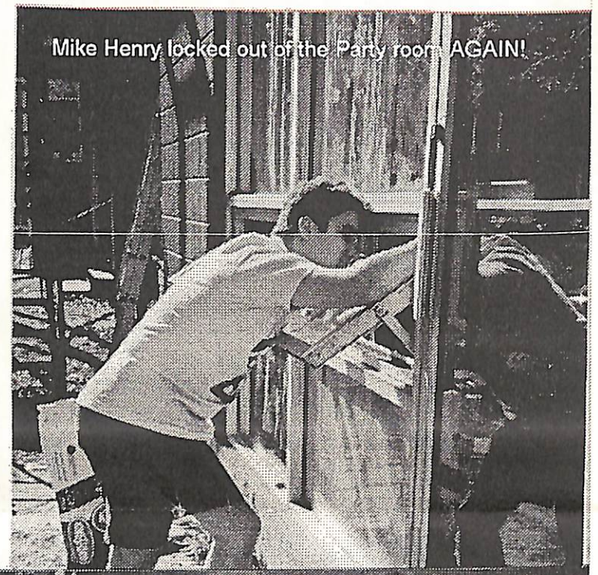

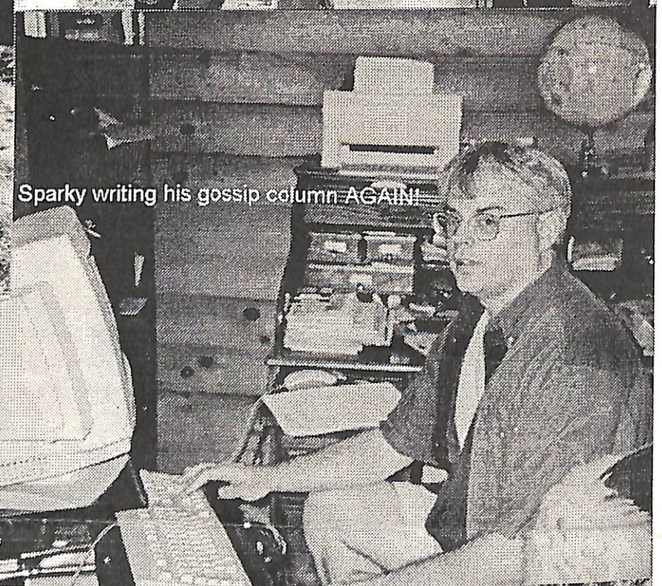

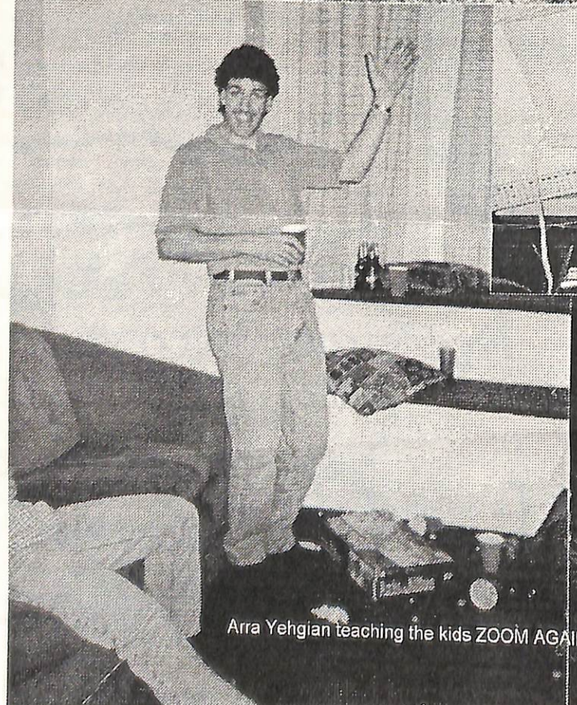

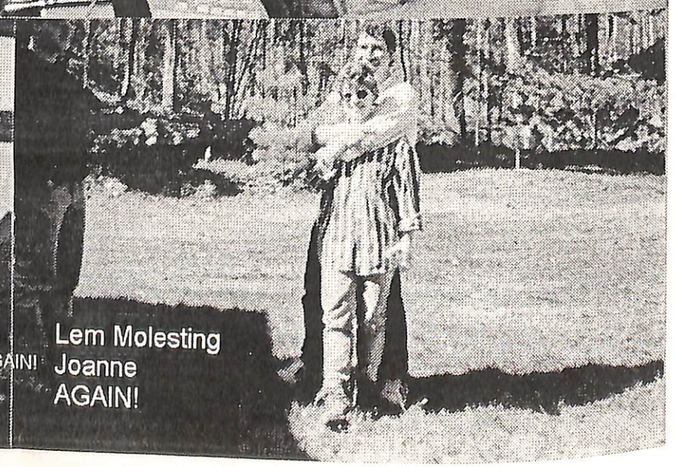

Outing at Rutland State Park Planned for July 25th

Bob Tonning '95

The 1st annual "AXP Summer Outing" at Rutland State Park will take place Sunday, July 25, 1999. This new event, which will be sponsored by AXP's Graduate Chapter, will take place from 11:00AM to sundown at the park's "pavilion". Brothers are encouraged to bring their entire family to the event! This event will culminate AXP's "Brothers' Summer" weekend, following Saturday's annual summer brother's party at 8 Boynton St.

AXP will have exclusive use of the park's playing field and dining pavilion on this date. All are encouraged to take advantage of the park's walking, biking, and/or rollerblading trails, swimming/sunbathing beach, and basketball court, as well as recreational games of volleyball, softball, frisbee, bocce, "kick-the-can", etc. Sorry, but "lawn Jarts", jousting, and bullfighting will not be permitted.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, and beverage will be provided by the graduate chapter. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to bring a food item to share (potato/macaroni salad, chips, watermelons, desserts, etc.). Please help to make this outing an annual event by attending on July 25th!

Anyone planning on attending is asked to RSVP to Bob Tonning via email (tonning@erols.com) or by phone (508-829-9595), indicating the number attending, as well as any items which you may be bringing to the event. Travelling 122A North (towards Rutland), the road for the park will be located on the right hand side. After turning right into the park's main entrance, follow the road for approximately ½ mile, then turn left into the parking area; inform the ranger that you are with AXP. We hope to see many of you there!

www.wpi.edu/~axp

Matt Tricomi '97 and Tom Collins '01 have been hard at work enhancing the AXP Web Page. Matt recently added several features to the page including a RUSH Promo, News and Graphics, Animation and a Slideshow. If you have Microsoft Explorer you've probably seen the new stuff. If you have NETSCAPE (like me), you are probably not seeing the improvements yet.

Matt and Tom are also working on ways to use the Web page to better keep our Grad Brother database up to date. They will be helping to get the NEWSLETTER on the Web page for viewing or downloading. This may eventually allow us to reduce the number of paper copies we mail out if you prefer to receive it over the Web.

Tom plans to post his Big/Little Brother Family tree project on the Web page so people can check to see if their infomation is correct and help him fill in the gaps on the tree. You can also help Tom out by filling in your Little Brothers' names and/or scroll numbers on the database update request enclosed with this NEWSLETTER.

1999 GRAD DUES

WE WISH TO THANK THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR PAYING THERE 1999 GRAD DUES AS OF MAY (SORRY IF WE MISSED ANYONE)

ASCANI Timothy
BAGDASARIAN Mr. John
BARRY Mr. William
BASMAJIAN Mr. Michael
BAYLIS Mr. Glenn
BELLINGER Mr. Gary
BENTLEY D Mr. Daniel
BLUME Mr. Christopher
BOURGEOIS Mr. Jason
BOWEN K Mr. Kevin
BRODEUR Mr. Richard
CAMERON Mr. John
CAREY Mr. Brian
CASALE Mr. Ralph
CLARK G Mr. George
COLOMBO Mr. David
DANIELS Mr. Kevin
DIBATTISTA Mr. David
DOWNES Mr. John
DUGGAN Mr. Christopher
DUNCAN Mr. James
DZAUGIS Mr. Lawrence
ERIKSON Mr. Stephen
FORGET Mr. mark
GARDNER S Mr. Steven
GOLDMAN Mr. Matthew
GRAW Mr. George
GREGORY Mr. Sean
HART Mr. Robert
HEIDEBRECHT Mr. Richard
HENDRIX Mr Nathan
HENRY Mr. Michael
HICKEY R Mr. Robert
HILOW Mr. Richard
HINES Mr. Edward
JACKSON Mr. Robert
KEOGH Mr. Brian
KMIEC Mr. Christopher
LASKOWSKI T Mr. Timothy
LEECE Mr. Steven
LEMBERGER Mr. Michael
LOPICCOLO Mr. Paul
MALONE Mr. Brian
MARAIA Mr. Joseph
MCENANEY Captain John
MILBURN Mr. Steven
MILLER Mr. Mike
MISKA Mr. Walter
MODDERNO Mr. Jeffrey
MURPHY Lt. Brian
NICHOLS Mr. James
NIEDZIELSKI Mr. John
OCONNOR Mr. Timothy
ORBEG Mr. Jose
ORENBERG Mr. Robert
PAKUS Mr. Paul
PERROTTI Mr. Peter
PROULX Mr. Jeff
RAND G Mr. Gary
ROGERS Mr. Rick
ROSSOMANDO Mr. Arthur
RUCINSKI Mr. Vincent
RYDANT Mr. Richard
SAUERBREY Mr. David
SAVINA Mr. Christopher
SCANNELL Mr. John
SCHWARM E Mr. Edward
SHEEHAN Mr. James
SHILLER Mr. Michael
SIEGEL Lt. Andrew
SIEGENTHALER Mr. John
SOIVENSKI Mr. Mitchell
STANLEY M Mr. Mark
STEIN Mr. Michael
STRAND Mr. Ronald
SULLIVAN Mr. Douglas
SWINDELL Mr. John
TONNING Mr. Bob
TORMEY Mr. Patrick
TRICOMI Mr Matthew
WODZIAK Mr. John

Hewitty's Trivia Corner *Ye Olde "Swille" Shop*

by Steve (Hewitty) Leece '69

Well, so bloody much for Tradition! At a recent Saturday morning at the house, a flock of postulants (can't even call them pledges these days!) arrived and not a single "Hail, Cheers, Greetings" was heard from the lot! Worse yet, not one of the brothers and few of the grads (save for 001 and 015) had ever heard the entry tune. Would the last class to use good old "Hail, cheers..." please send a note along to Tom Collins at the house or to Crownet? It would be a shame not to know when the music died.

Have to say, the house is a million per cent better looking now that all the fixes have been made. Anyone who hasn't seen it sure needs to. At a minimum, be sure to plan for the big bash next fall! Don't worry, you'll recognize the place, but it will look a whole lot better than you ever remembered. Even if all you remember is 30 Trowbridge.

Now, interestingly, there are many comparisons which can be drawn between the "new, improved" 8 Boynton and the (dearly departed) 30 Trowbridge. And since we deal only in trivial trivia here, some of those comparisons (ones that can be printed) are noted below.

First of all, both houses are/were oooold. 100 year old New England architecture is more or less the same by default. So you can expect plenty of stories and towers and creaky little rooms and crappy wiring and some incredible layers of paint over plaster and lath in any case. The only ghosts ever encountered were typically after some extra efforts in the imbibing department so that probably doesn't count.

At first blush, one of the most striking things about the makeover of 8B are the gorgeous hard wood floors. They really look nice and give a most unexpected richness to the place. Quite a difference from the old 30T floors that had the color and texture of a used teabag until they were brilloed into an oatmeal mush matte on an annual basis. Also, the new creme walls with chair rails at 8B are such an improvement over the gawdawful plaid walls at 30T. Even changing the plaid to bile yellow really didn't help. 30T had a lot more mice than 8B also. Usually caught inside cooking pots back then. Probably improved the flavor of Beverly's lima beans.

It was nice to see a nostalgic note at 8B. There are 1 or 2 teeny cubby-hole rooms that are slightly reminiscent (but infinitely better than) the "Stes-mess" at 30T. This less roomy than a roach motel slanty crawl space on the (infamous) third floor was inhabited by the likes of Mac King, Stessel, "Great Spirit" Wally Miska, "Machete Kid" Mitch Sovienski, and other stalwarts with a high threshold for lack of creature comforts and not a whiff of claustrophobia. It was probably officially listed as a crawl-space. Or a laundry chute.

Even the bathrooms at 8B are looking spiffy. A lot of nicely redone walls, floors and fixturing. Sure beats the one and only bathroom at 30T with its one shower for 20 guys. Even the one pot was rough. It kinda sat out in the middle of the bathroom. All modesty took flight by the third day at the house. The worst case was when some brother (like"W" after a cast party) would wrap himself around the commode for the night. One would either have to pee over the body or out a window. In the winter it was too cold to use the window and yellow icicles didn't match the house decor so what could ya do?

Another thing about 8B... all the rooms have been painted the same colour. Now we hear that people can repaint to taste, but they gotta pay to put it back the way it was at year end. Guess that would preclude the black walls, green chicken stencils and wierd colors of 30T days, but then again, the effort at 8B was to convert from "Dump" to "Nice".

One thing NOT found at 8B even when the walls were down and the whole structure exposed was the great secret dumbwaiter chute that went from top to bottom of the old house. When a few hundred watts were pumped into a speaker fit into this chute, one could wake the entire house at 3:00 am with one good Jimi Hendrix lick. Another goodie missing at 8B is the great platform on the roof from whence hot air balloons were launched on still autumn evenings. One radio station received 3 UFO calls one nite from same. Alas, the notable things not available at 8B are the huge porch on 1st and 2nd floor where one could severely annoy the neighbors whilst remaining "inside" the premises and the great picture
of the naked lady behind the bar. Of course, the MOST missed items have nothing to do with the house proper... the 10 cent cokes and 20 cent beers.

8B does boast nice, safe fire escapes which look like stairs. The 30T days had skinny ropes wherein one rappelled down the side of the house. That was great for people like Stessel in his Recondo days or Bentley most any time but it was hard on the butt when you were just going down for a beer. And do check out the nice boardroom table and furniture in the library. Makes the flop-house stuff retained from Lambda Chi and "acquired" from the train station seem grim in comparison.

Of course, some things never change. A head gets put through a wall... a beer can structure topples over... a spurious pool of vomit occurs from nowhere... but with a healthy crew of pledges these are quickly remedied.

Anyway, you old farts MUST get back and see the place. And while you're at it send some moola to the fundraising campaign. With enough donations, the naked lady painting may yet reappear. And if you are the largest contributor, you may win the memorial hot air balloon prize.

With thanks for Semmel's assistance for much triviata,

I'll drink to that.....

Hewitty

Undergraduate NOOZ

By Tom Collins '01

Well, it seems someone made the mistake of letting me write a little column. Can you believe the state of the world today... wait, wrong column. Today, Bill Clinton and Monica .... nope, wrong again. Well third times a charm. There has been a lot going on this year with the undergrad chapter.

On February 27th we initiated 14 new members to Alpha Chi Rho. The are: **Josh Allor, Scott Bowden, M. V. S. Chandra, Jeff Cusato, Andrew DeMars, Chris Hill, Andrew Houde, Rich Kuzsma, Jose magararu, Edwin Martin, Mark Sadberry, John Stembaugh, Andy Stone and Nathan Thompson.** We had a really good showing from the Grads at Initiation.

Committees have been selected and have begun meeting weekly. The VP has gotten all of their goals and put them up on a poster board so it is easily recognized, what is done and what is left to do. The rush committee has already begun planning for next year, and things are looking good. Rush rules are looking a bit more favorable than last year, and hopefully they won't change them two days before school starts again. Scholastics has started a new program to help out brothers with poor grades. Worcester City Clean-up was April 10 and we had a very good showing. National visited April 25 for Strategic Success, a leadership training event. More details on this are on the website (http://www.wpi.edu/~axp).

Alternative housing next year has been found, due to the fact that in C term we will have more brothers than rooms at both 8 Boynton Street and 49 Institute (of which we have all three floors). The two extra spots will be filled by housing at 104 Highland Street.

All the holes in the walls are patched and for the most part painted. The repainting of the basement walls have begun, and this summer we will hopefully get new carpet, too. Also, The party room is almost completely re-vamped due to the Postulant Project. The bar got sanded, re-stained, and varnished, as well as the bench. The wall around the AXP got repainted and the letters were edged out and straightened out.

Rich Kuzsma and Josh Allor were elected to attend the 95th National Convention held June 24-27 as the delegates from the undergraduate chapter. Grad Appreciation day was May 1.

Bob Tonning was nominated for Outstanding Contribution to the Greek System for the Greek Awards Dinner, and John Casill was nominated for Outstanding Greek Member. On a non-serious note Nick finally gave away the clue grenade. The new recipient of this prestigious award is M. V. S. Chadrachakar (aka Chandra). Congratulations to all award nominees and winners.

Just as a final note, I have been working on the Family tree of Big/Little Brothers and I will be having a rough copy of it available for comment at both Grad Appreciation and the Summer Brother's Party.

Well, that's all the news for now. Have a nice summer and see everyone at the Summer Brother's Party

SIGN ON TO CROWnet!!!!!

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GRAD CHAPTER NEWS

Grad Chapter Meeting
Alumni Appreciation Day(May 1, 1999):

Attendance: Jim Nichols '86, Mike Henry '92, Mark Stanley '85, Mike Andrus '97, Rob Jackson '95, Al Prescott '90, Mike Lemberger '91, Ben Thompson '73, Matt Tricomi '97, Bob Tonning '95, Andy Feld '97, Chris Pisz '94, Arthur Oakes Rossomando '97.5, Brian Carey '98

Officers Reports:

President: Mark Stanley '85

Mark reported that he attended a BOD in November across from the Budweiser Brewery and again on January 23rd at the house. He seemed to have enjoyed the March meeting more. The Worcester Ice Cats game was a good time even with the Bob Ueker seats. 14 postulants were initiated on February 27th after a fine dinner at Ping's where Mike Hemry celebrated his birthday. The National Fraternity put on a sucessful "Success 2000" program in Worcester on April 25th.

Treasurer: Al Prescott '90

Al reported that 85 Brothers had paid their '99 grad dues so far. We have about $7,000 in da bank.

Secretary: Jim Nichols '86

Jim reported that the newsletter barbecue was held on April 25th at Toad Valley and that the news was currently in a vat for its usual Beechwood Aging. Many addresses have been updated in the grad database recently. Brothers' info will go out in the newletter to be updated and sent back. Matt Tricomi and Tom Collins have been hard at work on the Web page.

Grad Advisor: Rob Jackson '95

Rob reported that he attended most of the RUSH events this past year. He will be running the Graduation Reception. (The event has since happened and was a great success)

Historian: Chris Duggan '83

Chris was unable to attend. He sent out a reminder in March noting the 17th as the founding date of DST. He has continued to provide a historical look back in time for the newsletter.

Academic Advisor: Ben Thompson '73

Ben informed us that WPI would be breaking ground on a Student Center behind Alumni Gym and that a new academic building will be going in to the left of Gordon Library. It will house Management, Social Sciences, and Continued Education. (It will look like a giant flannel shirt and have a tunnel running to Strawberry's Records on Main St.) A parking garage is planned for the library parking lot.

Committees:

Homecoming: Mark Stanley reported that the 35th Anniversary Committee held a meeting on April 17th to finalize plans for the event to be held on September 25, 1999 (see lead news story).
Fundraising: Bob Tonning '95 reported that approx. $3,500 had been raised toward rennovating the Party Room and Basement.
Audit Committee: The Audit committee with Jeff remillard '85 and Nick Amarel '00 will be submitting a report.

Elections:

Mike Henry '92 and Jim Nichols '86 were elected as Graduate Delegates to the National Convention to be held at Stratton Ski Resort in Vermont June 25-28.

New Business:

-A motion was made and passed to spend up to $3,000 for the 35th anniversary
-Housing Committee needs a member
-A Grad Survey is planned for Fall '99.

Discussion:

- Idea was brought up that we my want to look to setting up a scholarship fund. Anyone out there want to pursue this idea/
- Is anyone interested in organizing a grad community service event?

Meeting adjourned sometime after it started.

Next Meeting: Homecoming, September 25, 1999

BOD notes

Since last you've heard the Board of Directors has met to work on the undergraduate budget for next year. With the increase in this year's rush numbers we will have the 8 Boynton Street house at full capacity, we will be renting the house at 49 Institute road to fill to full capacity and we will be renting 2 rooms at 104 Highland street.

The BOD will be meeting on Graduation day before the reception to determine plans for things to be done over the summer.

At the next annual meeting to be held the morning of Homecoming we will be electing a new Director as George Graw's second term will be coming to an end. Anyone interested in running for a director position should email their intentions to Steve Leece, Secretary.

Renovations Fundraiser Nearing Halfway Mark

Many thanks go out to 30 brothers (and their families!) who gave generously to the renovations fundraiser earlier this year. To date, nearly $4,000 has been raised in an effort to bring closure to last year's major house renovation project. All funds donated for renovations will be used to supplement upgrades in the basement and party room.

Although the $10,000 goal of the fundraising committee has not yet been met, we are very grateful for all of the contributions received thus far, as much of the remaining work can hopefully be performed in some fashion. While no future solicitations are planned, anyone still wishing to donate can still do so. Contributions can be mailed to Bob Tonning, 64 Crestview Drive, Holden, MA 01520. Thanks again to all who contributed to the cause!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES: GERARD MANGENOT, ANDRE ORBEGOZO, TONY OSES, THEO PANTON, BOB PARETTE , MARIO TONGOL, (AND JANELLE EVANS). ALSO: GLEN GABE RECEIVED HIS MASTERS.

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THE WPI CROW

AXP NEWSLETTER ΔΣT

2000 GRADS STEP UP TO THE PLATE

Newest Grads Elect(ed) to Serve

On November 22, 2000 the Graduate Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, Delta Sigma Phi held its annual elections and welcomes two new officers: **Pete Tessier '00, President**, and **Nick Amaral '00, Treasurer**. Thank-you to outgoing president Mark Stanley '85 and treasurer Al Prescott '90 for there many years of hard work!

Pete Tessier was initiated in 1997 and served as Social Officer for two consecutive terms, Postulant Educator, Publicity Committee Chairman, and Fraternal Officer. His experience as Social Officer brings enthusiasm, verve, and a "just f*%#ing do it attitude" to the Graduate Chapter as President. Pete graduated in May 2000 with a BS in Electrical Engineering and is currently working in Plainville, CT for General Electric, Industrial Systems. Tessier organized a meeting of grad chapter officers held at Toad Valley on January 27th. His top priority was to develop a fun-filled Graduate Chapter events calendar for 2001 including a host of events such as a Red Sox game, Ice Cats game, and a family outing.

Our new treasurer Nick was also initiated in 1997 and served as undergraduate Chapter Treasurer, Risk Management Officer, Fraternal Officer, and Scholastics Committee Chairman. He graduated in May 2000 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and is currently finishing his MS in Design and Manufacturing. Nick will be moving to Michigan in June to work for Ford Motor Company, Powertrain Operations.

There are several new initiatives being introduced to the Graduate Chapter Treasury. Grad Chapter Dues will be invoiced annually on May 1st. The fiscal year has been changed to August 1st – July 31st to align with the undergraduate Chapter and BOD.

Nick's experience as undergraduate Treasurer will be a valuable asset to the Grad Chapter. At the January 27th meeting, a budget was developed for the remainder of the 2000-2001 fiscal year. All accounting will be performed in QuickBooks and form letters will be drafted for officer expense reports. With the financial support of our graduate brothers we will strive to promote the purpose of the Graduate Chapter as stated in our bylaws…"to promote the social interaction of our Graduate Brothers, to keep our Graduate Brotherhood informed, and to act as a resource of knowledge and support for the Undergraduate Chapter."

PETE TESSIER

NICHOLAS AMARAL

2001 EVENTS

Saturday, April 7th – RED SOX (24 tickets 1st come)
(email: namarel@wpi.edu or pete648@hotmail.com)

Saturday, April 28th -Alumni Appreciation Day
11:00 am - Grad Chapter Meeting
12:30 pm – Barbecue

Saturday, May 12th – Newsletter Party
1:00 pm at Toad Valley

Saturday, May 19th – WPI Graduation
1:00 pm – Reception at 8 Boynton

June 21-24 – National Convention in Orlando
(see www.alphachirho.com for details)

July (Date to be set) – **Summer Brother's Party**

Sunday, August 19th – Newsletter Party
1:00 pm at Rob Jackson's in Holden

Saturday, August 25th – TOAD VALLEY ROAST

Saturday, September 22nd – Homecoming

Sunday, October 14th – Rutland Family Outing

Winter – Ice Cats Game (date to be announced)

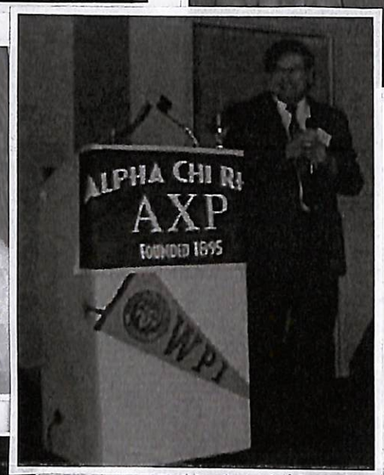
Thanks Sparky!

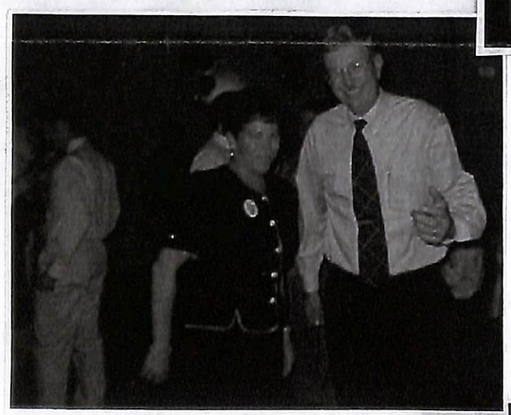
Editor's Note: I apologize that this is the first newsletter to go out in over a year. As you can see in the 2001 events calendar, dates are set to be back on track with 2 more letters this year.

In our next newsletter, we will look to expand on a couple of news items which get only a mention in this issue: Mike Henry's appointment as National Treasurer and Nate Thompson's election as WPI IFC President. (Anyone who remembers being called a "zit" may find that one tough to believe.) Also, we will expand on the late breaking news of the initiation of 16 Postulants as Brothers on February 24th which included legacy Mike Andren son of Bob Andren '75 scroll 116.

Please send any pictures, stories, data-base updates to 62 Conway Rd, Haydenville, MA 01039 or James.Nichols@us.ngrid.com

Thanks, Jim '86 scroll 272





BIG BASH HUGE SUCCESS

Homecoming 1999 - 35th Anniversary of DST/AXP at WPI

Thanks to the 185 people who attended the homecoming celebration, making it one of the largest gatherings in our chapter's 35 year history. The weekend started with 20 people getting together Friday night for dinner at the Radisson Inn-Marlboro. The next day started out with the usual formalities of BOD meeting, association meeting and the grad chapter meeting. The undergrads saw the return of Greek week, which ended with the return of the homecoming parade. There was a little controversy with the winning float decision made by the school. AXP came in third, better luck next year, we know you will do better. All these events went smoothly which led up to the tailgate party.

There was great weather for the homecoming tailgate party. AXP definitely had the largest crowd on the quad. The 'dry' quad saw no shortage of frosty beverages. With the generations of brothers that had come out onto the quad, we took the opportunity to take pictures of brothers by decade. They came out great and will be put on the House Website for viewing. The time on the quad was a great way to lead into the evening's events.

The Anniversary Banquet was an event to attend. The Chapter Scrolls were exhibited in the center of the Ballroom and all the composites encircled the room. The evening started with awards and speeches, emceed by Jim Nichols, who did a great job of keeping the crowd involved (awake). Two distinguished guests attended our anniversary event: Jeff Turco, President of the National Fraternity of AXP, who read a special proclamation from the Massachusetts State Senate which was given to AXP, and Matt Jenkins, Secretary/National Director, who was kind enough to read ALL of the regrets from those associated with the National Fraternity who could not attend. Steve Leece and Ken Carpenter spoke about AXP history using the evolution of the scroll as the theme that bonds it all together. Undergraduate President Ken Fountain presented plaques to Mike Henry and Bob Tonning to thank them for the efforts they put into overseeing the improvement projects at the house. George Graw was also presented with a plaque honoring his many years as a Director of the Building Association. The current homecoming committee also acknowledged John & Doreen Scanell for their efforts in organizing the last two major homecoming events. Jeff Semmel finished the speaking program by remembering those brothers who are no longer with us.

The real fun began after the formal program finished. All had a great time dancing and drinking to the tunes of the DJ, DJQ, which was the same DJ that has done the last few homecoming events. The dancing went into the wee hours of the night. The grads admired the strength of the current undergrad brotherhood, who kept the party going with no less than 15 brothers dancing until the end without a single woman on the dance floor.

The evening, of course, did not end with the closing of the reception hall. Sparky invited all those who wished to continue the party back to his room for more celebrating but not before he said goodbye to the undergrads on their chartered bus prior to heading back to WPI. He gave an inspirational departing speech to the exhausted undergrads. Bob Tonning followed this by leading them in a rousing rendition of a well known Fraternity chant. The undergrads had an eventful ride home.

The weekend of festivities concluded Sunday morning with brunch at the Radisson before everyone set out on their return home.

The event would not have been so successful without the efforts of all those responsible for making the day possible. Thanks to Mark Stanley for organizing the event and keeping the preparations on schedule, Mike Henry, one of the work horses of the team who dealt with the hotel , Dave and Kathy DiBattista who did a tremendous amount of work with invitations and decorations, Jim Nichols who made the great homecoming t-shirts, Mike & Joanne Lemberger who set up the Tailgate party, Andy Stone and Brian Carey who rounded out the team as well as all the undergrads that helped such as Ken Fountain and John Stambaugh. Special thanks also go out to Tom Collins for putting together the family tree that was posted in the ballroom as it definitely drew a lot of attention throughout the evening.

Sparky's Gossip

by Mark Stanley '85

John Swindell '92 and wife Amy announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Ann, born 10/18/00 in Crows Nest (true), Australia. Rachel was born overseas as John and Amy have been living and working abroad for over three years. The Swindells have just recently returned to the states and are once again living in Framingham, MA…Congratulations to **Jose Orbegozo '96** on his 08/15/99 marriage to Danielle Joyal in Stratford, CT…**Don '94** and Kim **Cournoyer** announce the birth of a son, Austin Christopher, born 08/30/99…**Ed Prentice '75** started a new job as Director of Software Quality at MadeToOrder.com in Framingham. Ed is also got his first motorcycle since his WPI days, a black Harley Sportster 12000S Sport. Ed continues to live in Northboro with his wife Julie and sons, Andy (19), Ben (16), and Steve (14)…**Andy Feld '97** was wed to Tina Hubert on 06/26/99…**Mike Schiller '92**, currently on the Carrier USS Constellation in the Pacific Ocean, is awaiting the August-2001 Galveston, TX christening of the navy's newest destroyer, the USS Howard. Mike will be the Chief Engineer. He was at the boat's launching in Bath, ME and has spent time there overseeing construction…**Pete Anamasi '92** was recently engaged (01/17/01) to Jill Chinnici. They are planning to be wed late this year in Cleveland, OH…**Steve Gardner '85** was promoted to Principal Engineer at 3Com in Marlboro, MA where he is working in the Modular Systems Design Center developing Enterprise LAN Networking solutions. Steve, wife Lisa, and son Kyle also recently moved from Elbridge Street in Worcester to Millbury, MA…**Randy McMahon '00** started a new position in the IP Core Routing Group of Lucent Technologies in Marlboro, MA. Randy along with Janelle now lives in Newton, MA…**Brian Smiley Carey '98** was engaged to Darcey Lynne Paquette on 11/18/00. They have set a 10/07/01 wedding date…**Ralph Casale '85** and his wife Susan announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Clara Jane born 11/26/99…**John Stewart '97** was married to Liz Fox in Garden City, NY 07/17/99…**Jeff Semmel '68** is actually officially working again after a self-imposed 5 year hiatus. Jeff is a software developer for Pristine.com, a White Plains, NY day trader, trader, and investor educational service company. Jeff will mainly work from his home in Florida…Congratulations to **Alex Patrao '96** on his 09/05/99 wedding to Susan Betourney in Chelmsford, MA…**John Gasstrom '91** has started his own business, Paladin-PC, which builds custom computer hardware and designs and hosts web sites. He encourages all to visit his website (www.paladin-pc.com). John also continues his employment at NYSEG, where he was recently promoted to Senior Engineer…**Sean Gregory '98** was married 09/18/99 to Joanna Marra in Wethersfield, CT…**Mike Lemberger '91** and wife Joanne are enjoying their new home in Oxford, MA since moving in the summer of 1999…The wedding of **Jeff White '95** and Mary Ann Longfellow took place 10/02/99 in Douglas, MA…**Pat Tormey '86** started a new position in sales for the Pivitol Corporation, which provides software used to automate a company's "Front Office" (the Sales, Marketing, and Customer Support departments). Their latest product provides an eCommerce engine to web-enable companies…**Pat Campbell '92** was wed to Melissa Martino in Leominster on 09/18/99. Pat and Melissa make their home in Framingham, MA. Pat works as a SQA Engineer at Foliage Software Systems. Foliage is also the employer of **Jay McGaffigan '92**…**Curt Duffy '87** was back from California and visited the area this past November. He was able to meet up with other alumni from his era while he was back in the New England/New York region. Curt still lives in Los Angeles and continues to work at Paramount Pictures…**Jeff Modderno '95** was wed on 10/30/99 to Carla Caputo in Sudbury, MA. The couple soon thereafter went to Ireland on a work assignment for a year and have just recently returned…**Steve Hewitty Leece '68** is once again abroad as he now resides in the Philippines where he works for Moog. He asks fellow alumni to keep in touch with him by emailing him at sleece@ph.moog.com...Congratulations to **Doug Sullivan '98** on his engagement to Kim Gooding…**Tom Forcier '95** wed Patty Croteau in Richmond, VT 10/10/99…**Al Prescott '90** has left his job to start his own company which will manufacture medical devices. Al continues to participate in triathlons and finished 10th place in his age group at the US Masters National Championships this past summer…Congratulations to **Mike Miller '94** on his wedding to Kelly Ann Monaghan 04/10/99 in Hopedale, MA…**Chris MacDonnell '86** has returned from several years in Europe to take up residence in the Park Slope section of Brooklyn, NY. He is once again working in the NYC area as a Civil Engineer…**Jason Bourgeois '98** is engaged to Kellie Popp. He and Kellie plan a summer/2001 wedding. Jason is also now employed at 3Com in Marlboro, MA… Congratulations to **Bob Tonning '95** and Jen on the birth of their second child on February 16th, this time it's a girl,Emily May…

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American Werecrow in Ireland

by Jeff Modderno '95 scroll 559

For those Brothers who know me, you already know I spent the past year living in Ireland. For those of you who don't know me…Hi, I spent the past year living in Ireland.

In January 2000 my wife, Carla, and I hopped on a plane to Cork, Ireland. Two weeks ago we move back to Massachusetts. The main purpose of our stay was to determine exactly why Guinness is better in Ireland…wait…that wasn't it. Actually, both Carla and I worked for EMC Ireland where our main role was assisting our groups to communicate more effectively with their respective US groups.

Since I've been home, I've been asked two questions repeatedly: "What did you miss most about home?" and "What do you miss most from Ireland?"

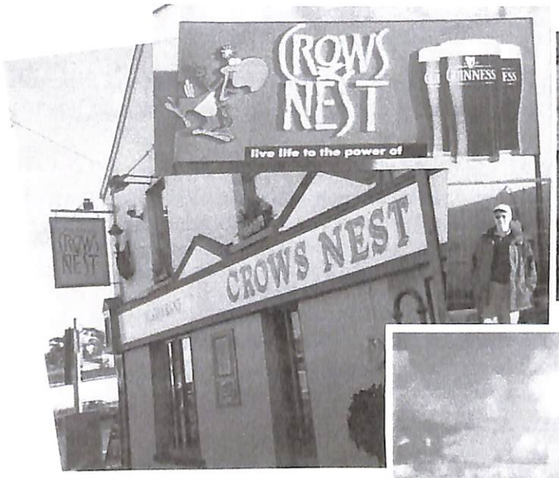
The answer to second question is easy…definitely the pub scene. It just can't be replicated over here. The other question isn't as easy (there's so much), but one thing I definitely missed was the Fraternity – 2000 Initiation, The Annual Toad Valley Pig Roast, Homecoming…it was hard to be away for a year's worth of events.

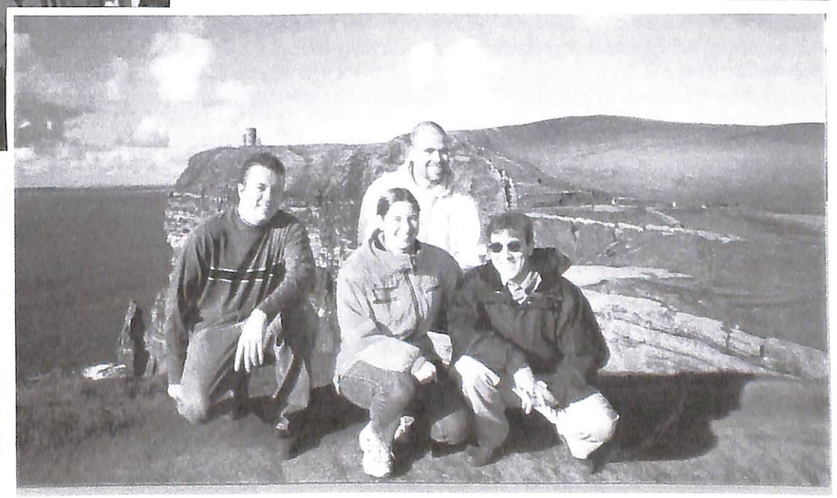
Luckily, I was able to convince a few Brothers that they shouldn't miss the opportunity to visit. In February, Glen Gaebe called up and said 'What are you doing this weekend?' So I met Glen in Amsterdam that Saturday. (I can't say more as Carla may read this article.) On Sunday Glen traveled back to Cork with me and we spent the next few evenings checking out the local pubs. Glen got a taste of some real *corned beef and cabbage* and also made the obligatory visit to nearby Blarney Castle where I'm told Glen saw a leprechaun (or was that in Amsterdam?)

In the fall, Luke Poppish and Brian Bresnahan (a.k.a. Brez) stopped by. They started with an unexpected stay in Dublin after a strike by AerLingus stranded them. They were forced to visit the Guinness brewery and other Dublin sites, while spending two nights directly above a pub in the city center. When they finally made it to Cork I took them out on the town, but apparently living in Ireland for 10 months had not improved my tolerance because Luke and Brez were obliged to carry me home.

After the festivities in Cork we headed north to check out the pubs in Galway, stopping to see Bunratty Castle and the spectacular view from the Cliffs of Moher on the way.

In summary, Ireland = Great Pubs = Great Beer = Much Drinking = Good Time For All.





Undergraduate OLDNOOZ

Undergrad Brothers Kick Ass

By Nate Thompson '02 and Rich Kuszma '02

(Here's some of last year's news. We did have a newsletter party in Bob Tonning's basement in January 2000 just before I went into seclusion to expand the boundaries of my mind (yea, that's the ticket). As you will be able to see from last year and this year's NOOZ, the undergrads have a good streak going…21 Postulants in Fall 1999, 22 in 2000!)

Two guys, not from Massachusetts, are writing this article. Inebriated and proud of our chapter's success, Louisiana and Rich wish to comment on the happenings at the Crow house…

Improvements abound in all aspects of the house. The most noticeable change to the brotherhood this year is increased motivation and participation. This year's Christmas formal had thirty-five couples attend(several of them included women). The Thanksgiving dinner was packed with all undergraduate brothers, thirty rushees, graduates, and even our National President, Jeff Turko. Jimmy "Crazy Crow" Nichols and Turko got in a food fight, showing the omnipresent Crow spirit. Proof of undergraduate and graduate participation was most evident at homecoming, where the Crows took up over a quarter of the quad. When our National needed us, our brothers pinned the future brothers of the Phi Psi chapter at Trinity College this past November ('99)

This year (Fall '99) we saw the return of Greek Week. Events included Greek olympics, a banner display on the Earle footbridge, a talent show, and a float competition. All Crows participated in Greek week, including Mike Henry, one of our most active "undergraduate" brothers, who helped pull an all-nighter finishing the float. Check out the web page for pictures of the float and Greek Week.

Motivation ran strong through all five and a half *long* weeks of rush. This year we had a brotherhood retreat (Fall '99) which taught that the key to a good rush is a foundation of brothers who love the house. (SEE MORE ON RUSH '99) Brotherhood and rushee attendance at all rush events was high, even throughout the latter days of rush. Every other house hated us because of it!

Postulancy looks to be fun this year. With twenty-one postulants, watching them try to pull raids and kidnappings will be exciting. Tom Collins is the pledge leader this (last) year. New plans include postulant names, a class plaque, and a 24 hour photo scavenger hunt.

Fungus has been growing in the second floor bathroom. It will be removed by the diligent workers at WPI's plant services this Christmas break.

Undergraduates are reviving many old traditions, plus starting some new ones. Late night committees, an Interfraternity War Council, and a six o' clock a.m. Happy Hour are among some of the traditions starting this year. Stealing of sorority pins and pledges, the head in the bucket at bids night, Santa and the Elves, the Admiral, and chanting of Ya Ho, Get Her Over in the Corner, and C__ksucker are traditions that are still throbbing strong.

Finally, congratulations to Christine Biscotti for receiving the prestigious Friend of the Fraternity award. Christine has helped add a female touch to a group of caged animals.

More on RUSH 1999

By Rich Kuszma '02

On Friday, December 3, thirty-one students held bids from Alpha Chi Rho. That night, twenty-one rushees signed their bid for the Crow house! The new postulant class consists of 16 freshmen, one sophomore transfer, and 4 sophomores. Some of their interests include rock climbing, psychology, guitar, rollerblading, drums, Iron Maiden, and poker. The new (old) postulant class is as follows: Mark Anderson, Keith Bell, Adam Berman, Jeff Camara, Brian Conway, Luis Costas, Brent Dukes, Jeff Fortin, Jarred Gallagher, Kevin Harsip, Joseph Ho, Jon Hurst, Jason Li, Jordan Maddock, Thomas Maguire, Eric Millbrandt, Kevin Moore, Patrick Nichols, Patrick Pastecki, Tony Snyder, Steve Sprowson

A lot of planning went into this year's rush. The first ever brotherhood retreat / rush seminar was held at Toad Valley in A term. At the seminar, Jeff Cusato and Rich Kuzsma, the two rush chairman, explained their vision of an ideal rush to the brothers. Important rush tactics were discussed throughout the retreat, accompanied by a blindfolded walk in the afternoon, a cookout in the evening, a campfire at night, and consumption of three gallons of one of the most vile drinks, "Uck". Everyone got psyched for rush and the brotherhood grew much closer because of the retreat.

Much was done A term to publicize the Alpha Chi Rho letters on campus. A BBQ on the quad was set up by the brothers to support Ralphee's band, SiMent. Jaseem ran one of the most successful Penny Wars ever, bringing in well over $3,000 for charity. Pete Tessier organized three outstanding parties to let the women know that Crow parties the hardest. Also this year, Greek Spirit Week came back to WPI, bringing floats, olympics, and banners, all of which AXP received full participation points. The AXP float had a fully functional replica of the WPI fountain!

Formal rush began the first week of B term. Approximately 100 rushees attended house tours, and almost half that came to the first rush event, the AXP / Phi Sigma Kappa Car Smash. It was the first ever rush event organized with another house, and it was a great success! All throughout the five weeks of rush attendance was high. In the first week of rush, upwards of thirty rushees attended dinners. Forty-two pizzas were eaten at the Papa Gino's pizza night. One of the highest turnouts of rushees in AXP history was seen at the paintball event where fifty-five rushees attended. Bob Tonning's Simspsons collection was a big hit at the Simpsons and Taco Bell night. Rushees hung around for hours, eating over 300 tacos. The clydesdales at the Anheuser Busch brewery looked and smelled their finest while a horde of rushees learned firsthand the techniques used to brew beer. Twenty-nine out of thirty-two people attended the invite only Formal dinner. Many rushees also got to meet Jeff Turco, the national president, at the Thanksgiving dinner.

Five weeks of rush have come to an end. The task ahead is to unite twenty-one postulants and teach them the responsibilities of brotherhood. It's an exciting time to be an Alpha Chi Rho!

Undergraduate NOOZ

FALL RUSH GETS 22 **CROW ELECTED IFC PRESIDENT**

By Nick Amaral '00 and Pete Tessier '00

(Why did 2 grads write the undergrad news? Well, the undergrads broke down on the Mass Pike on their way to Toad Valley. They had borrowed the undergrad President's Sh__box car and had to be rescued by Tony Snyder '03, who abandoned his girl friend in the name of Brotherhood.)

And so go the events that placed the undergraduate Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, Delta Sigma Phi in the midst of an extremely successful year…

After a productive fall rush, 22 bids were signed. There are currently 18 postulants in the postulancy program.

Undergraduate Chapter elections were held in B term. Congratulations to the new exec officers:

Rich Kuzsma	President
Jeff Cusato	Vice President
Scott Bowden	Treasurer
Tony Snyder	House Manager
Jarred Gallagher	Kitchen Manager
Chris Hill	Social Officer
Pat Pastecki	Member-at-Large
Jason Li	Risk Management Officer

Nate Thompson '02, former Undergrad President of the Delta Sigma Phi Chapter, was elected IFC President at WPI

The undergrads placed 1st in Greek Spirit Week, awarded at Homecoming during the football game. They placed in nearly every event including 2nd place in a talent show, 3rd in Greek Olympics, and 2nd in the Homecoming float parade.

At Crow Bowl, held at the University of Pennsylvania, a "small" team of unprepared, non-uniformed brothers that had never practiced together, tied for 6th place out of more than 30 teams.

Kenneth J. Fountain '01, who served as President, Treasurer, and Activities Officer, was awarded R.B. Steward Undergraduate Man of the Year at LSI, held at Lehigh University.

During Greek Spirit Week, Alpha Chi Rho held its annual Penny Wars charity event, raising nearly $2000 for the Worcester AIDS Foundation.

Brothers participating in the Global Perspective Program:

Nate Thompson	London, England	C'01
Jarred Gallagher	Bangkok, Thailand	C'01
Jeff Cusato	Bangkok, Thailand	C'01
Rich Kuzsma	San Juan, Puerto Rico	D'01
Chris Hill	San Juan, Puerto Rico	D'01
Pat Pastecki	Zurich, Switzerland	D'01

Some renovations to the house include a re-carpeted basement, a new party room heater, and new troughs behind the bar.

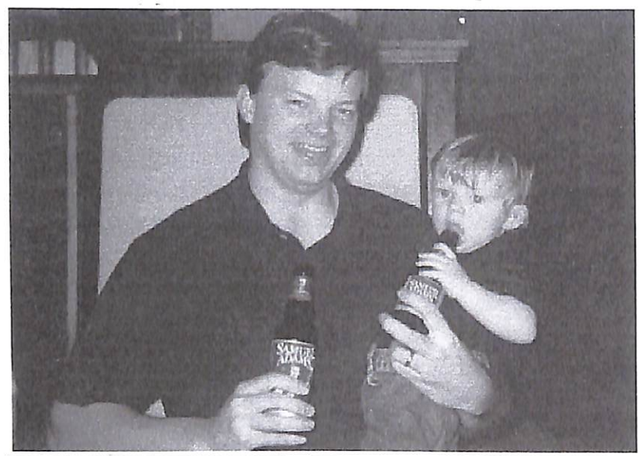
Michael Henry '92, was recently appointed National Treasurer. National President Jeff Turco, Chief of Staff for Massachusetts State Senator Guy Glodis, frequents the 8 Boynton St. house for the occasional 32 oz. cut of prime rib at Cactus Pete's with our BOD Chairman Bob Tonning '95. Evidently, the undergrads are establishing a close relationship with National, WPI, and the Worcester community. They will certainly be in contention to win the Curly again. Good luck to all of them.

Graduation Reception 2000

The annual reception sponsored by the Graduate Chapter to welcome our newest grads was held on May 20th.

Congratulations to the WPI Class of 2000

Jamie Karl, BS EE
Emar Tongol, BS EE
Nick Amaral, BS ME
Pete Tessier, BS EE
Tony Oses, MS BBT
Ravi Misra, BS BBT
David Silva, BS MIS
Sam Girgis, BS EE
Randy McMahon, BS EE



Like father, like son?....No, little Bobby only had ONE Beer.

This year it will be held on May 19th. Come on by and meet this year's graduating class and their families.

Year Long Community Service Project

One of the goals outlined in the Strategic Success 2000 program was for the undergraduates to introduce a year long community service project. Last year, Jaseem Hasib, Publicity Chairman, started a weekly service program helping inner-city Worcester kids. Five Crow brothers per week attended an after school children's center at Plumley Village to help children with homework. Brothers also participated in sports activities, played board games with the kids, and attended Boys Club visits with them as well. Rushees and girls helped out the Crow brothers at Plumley Village, too. The assistance took place from 3:30 to 5:30 every Wednesday afternoon.

In other community service, the picture below shows the Brothers and Postulants helping out with a Walk for Cancer for UMASS Medical this past fall.

Thoughts from Our New Undergraduate President...

by Prez Rich Kuzma '02 scroll 677

I visited Valley Forge, PA in early January for the Alpha Chi Rho Presidents' Leadership Summit sponsored by the Educational Foundation. The event stressed the importance of Brotherhood ideals and explained how we can succeed in 2001 and beyond. I took away from the summit a sense of optimism that Delta Sigma Phi *will* excel this year and pass along our lessons learned to future Brothers. The commitment and devotion to Alpha Chi Rho from Brothers before me have laid the foundation for our Chapter to achieve goals above and beyond anything previously expected of it.

The undergraduate Chapter in 2001 is off to a great start this year. Officers defined their roles and responsibilities at a productive leadership workshop held early in the semester. Under Vice President Brian Felouzis' leadership, the committee heads are setting new goals and achieving them. We have shaped a positive national identity for Delta Sigma Phi by visiting other Chapters and working closely with the National officers to improve the Fraternity nationwide.

We have just completed one of the most positive Postulant programs in our Chapter history. Scott Bowden, the Postulant Leader, has implemented many new ideas for the program that help explain the true spirit and values of Alpha Chi Rho. For the first time ever, the exoteric Postulant pinning ceremony was held in Riley Commons and was open to parents and faculty. A Brothers/Postulants photo scavenger hunt brought Postulants and Brothers closer together for what Postulant Vigneau called, "The most fun experience of my life while not drunk!" Brotherhood demands for failed raids and kidnappings are some of the most creative yet, including:

- Learn Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer" to sing aloud on return from your next raid
- Saturday night sleepover
- Organize a non-alcoholic event for the Brotherhood

Postulancy has been as much a learning period for me and the Brothers as it has been for the Postulants.

There will always exist the same petty issues in the Fraternity. Brothers will still forget to clean their mess off the cube. The house manager will always complain about missed house jobs. However, it is my belief that increased communication, enthusiastic leaders, and a deeper understanding of the meaning of Alpha Chi Rho will help Brothers see beyond the negative and look towards the good that this Fraternity will achieve in 2001 and beyond.

New Grad Chapter President Answers the Tough Questions

An Interview with Pete Tessier '00 scroll 648

Pete, how does it feel being graduate chapter president?
I feel very honored and privileged to serve as the Graduate Chapter President. As an undergrad I always held at least one position in the house, and upon graduation I still really felt the desire to be involved with AXP on a significant level. This position enables me to stay involved and gives me the opportunity to strengthen the graduate chapter of the fraternity.

What do you hope to accomplish as the graduate president?
I hope to significantly increase the number of opportunities the fraternity can offer its alumni to get together through a number of different events, to ensure that regular newsletters are produced to keep the alumni informed of current graduate and undergraduate events, and hopefully increase the overall participation of the members of our graduate chapter in the fraternity.

How would you hope to involve more grads in events?
I would like to vary the types and increase the number of events we have so that more opportunities are available for graduate members to take advantage of. I think it important to utilize the newsletter, the web page, and mailings to make sure our alumni are informed as well in advance as possible when such events will occur. And I hope to gather feedback from our alumni to get a good understanding of what they would be looking for in a graduate event.

What do you think is your greatest asset to the office?
I believe my greatest asset to this position is my years of experience running social events as an undergraduate, and my strong commitment and enthusiasm to the idea that brotherhood is for life and not just the years as an undergrad.

Tell us your thoughts regarding the movie animal house.
I think animal house is a classic movie, while it may not properly portray fraternity life as it is now, the movie has exceptional entertainment value. A must see and two thumbs up.

What is your favorite color? Blue.
What is your favorite food? Beer...especially for breakfast.
What is your favorite beer? Hmmm....either Harp or Busch...a warm can of natty lite can hit the spot sometimes too!
What is your favorite movie? Animal House.
Who is your favorite Orbegozo brother and why? Mike...I haven't met him yet
How many beers can you drink in one sitting? Probably in the twenties...but I usually end up lying down.
What is your favorite Beer Drinking Game? Beirute...but Hill and Camara make it too easy...I need to find some suitable competition.
Tell us some events which have shaped your life? Initiation into Alpha Chi Rho...what was there before that?
Boxers or Briefs? Boxers
What would be different if you didn't join Alpha Chi Rho? Seriously I would have transferred from WPI, and I would not be fortunate enough to have all of the life long friends that I have made through brotherhood.
What do you feel is your biggest challenge as Graduate Chapter President? Being that I only graduated about a year ago I will really have to work hard to understand what the generation of Crows that came before me are looking for in an alumni chapter.

Hewitty's Trivia Corner

"Ye Olde Swille Shoppe"

by Steve Leece '69

So here we go once again with The Swill Shop. Without doubt, one of the finest times Swill Shop personnel (namely me) has had in years was had at the 35th Anniversary Bash. It was supremo, seeing all the old farts who showed up. But ya know, it was equally supremo seeing all the undergrads there enjoying themselves as well. After all, even though the place has lasted for thirty five years, it can't last another one without a good group of undergrads. What with the enthusiasm we saw and the equally excellent Rush results this year, no doubt we're on the way to the next very successful thirty five.

The evolution of Fraternity anniversaries is an interesting concept. There is probably as much evolution of the attendee as there is of the event itself. Take, for example, the tenth. How many readers remember the tenth? The entertainment? A steel guitar playing dude name of Richard Johnson. Title of the album (still vinyl in those days) he was peddling? "Plum Island." And actually, it's still pretty good. Anyway the bulk of the talk centered on girl friends and newly acquired wives. And the partying was profuse.

The twentieth gave us the first look at the old guys and the kids. There was lots of talk about children and several people had to leave the party early to rescue babysitters. The entertainment, as I feebly recall, was a topical humorist who also did music. Ron Strand took a lot of guff about his premature gray hair. And some folks had their hangovers slightly exacerbated by a sense of aging.

By the twenty-fifth the new-old dichotomy was clearly fixed. We seemed to have more speeches and the DJ (at least I think it was a DJ) more than sufficed. The larger concern was to turn the DJ down so the conversations with the old buds, well met, could take place. Aging was clearly evident. As the "kids" were partying ferociously toward the dawn, Semmel confessed that he had switched to plain Coke at 11:00. I had to admit I had switched to plain club soda at 10:30. So call us "Wimps" if you must, but there is a law of physics that states that for any given amount imbibed, the ferocity of a hangover is directly proportional to the age of the hangoveree. You'll see, should you live so long.

So fast forward to the Thirty-Fifth! No doubt there were three groups evolving. The kids partied hard toward the dawn. The young farts still had wives ("and Cadillacs and diamonds") and children and babysitters. And the old farts? The Old Farts probably had the best time of all. They had the party and the camaraderie, but moreover they had the satisfaction at seeing their handiwork of years (thirty five of them) past flourishing in a world that has taken quite a pounding over that period. A good feeling indeed.

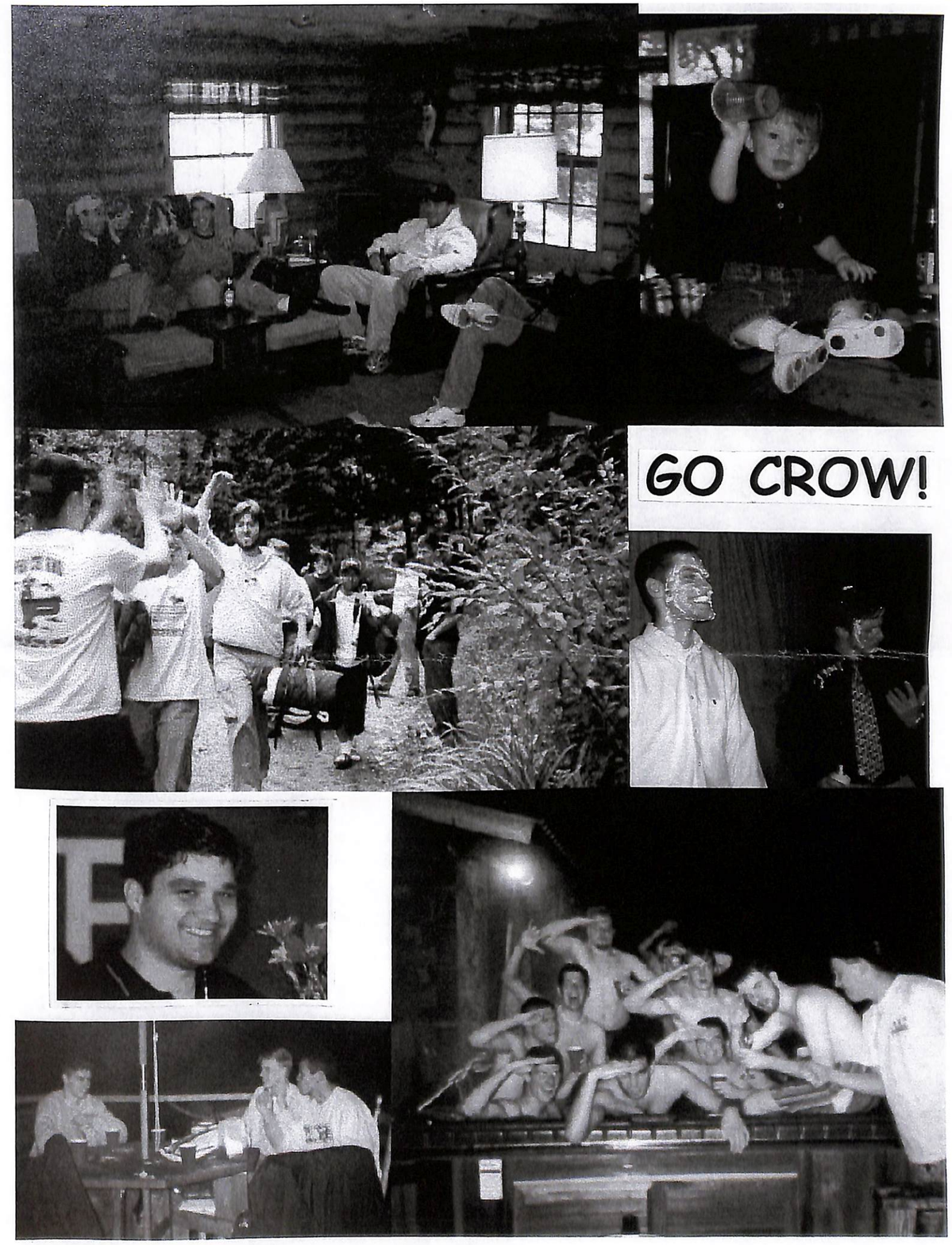
But you know, one downer in this whole thing is the thought that a lot of the Old Farts in attendance won't live to see the next "Thirty-Fifth". Even if they gave up food and booze right now and started the mother of all exercise regimens, it's unlikely that even those who survived such an abrupt change would live to the requisite eighty five plus years to see the next one. It IS expected that many of the young farts and undergrads will be at the second thirty five year flap (known affectionately as the Seventieth!) Nice part of it is, there appears to be some planning for it starting now.

For example… the "Kids" as I have affectionately called them, have just pledged Twenty One new members. What is particularly exciting about this is that they were up there with Theta Chi for the most pledges on campus. This is startling news compared to the dinosaur days when the Kap could always take eighty or so and 80%+ of the campus was in fraternities. Don't forget too, that although the freshman class has grown over the years, the advent of women on campus has reduced the eligible freshman population by 40% or more. And the advent of the computer has reduced the need (and some would say the ability) to socialize. In 1965, for example, over 300 of the 400 freshmen pledged fraternities. This year it looks like about only 185 of over 600 freshmen pledged fraternities. (Interestingly, a very high percentage of WPI women pledge sororities.) I'd hate to hazard a guess, but I suspect the proportion of Bridge Players in fraternities has sorely diminished too. Damn hard to concentrate on making a no-trump bid when you're on line with a T&A site.

Furthermore and back to the story, the "Kids" have embarked as the first chapter to run Strategic Success 2000. This plan is as rigorous as anything you would see McKinsey or A.D. Little give a small company. And they are doing it while successfully managing a $170,000 budget. No doubt, there will be a significant number of MBA's come from the current crop. Fraternity members continue to learn management skills that will put them well ahead of their non-fraternal contemporaries for future jobs.

And so it goes around and around. As the Bridge players of long ago would advise, it really feels nice to bid and then make "slam". Hopefully the Grads who participated in the anniversary and the Undergrads who participated in rush take home the slam feeling. And by the way, the "Seventieth" is coming. Mark your calendars.

I'll drink to that.... Hewitty



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MIKE HENRY A NATIONAL TREASURE(-R)

By Bob Tonning '95

I recently had the great honor of interviewing our current National Treasure, Mike Henry '92. Actually, the guy lives down the street from me, so it really wasn't a big deal…

Nevertheless, Mike Henry was appointed in August, 2000 to serve as National Treasurer of AXP. Mike is no stranger to the position of treasurer, having served as undergraduate treasurer for two years, serving as treasurer for the Board of Directors for many years (a position which Mike still holds), and acting as a vital support link to the undergraduate chapter since graduating nearly 10 years ago.

The national treasurer is only one of two appointed positions on the National Council. One of nine voting members, the treasurer is accompanied on the council by the national executive director/secretary (also appointed), as well as the president and vice president (elected every two years at National Convention), three (3) graduate councilors (elected every four years), and two undergraduate councilors (elected annually).

As National treasurer, Mike's main duty revolves around the development, presentation, and collection of National's annual budget. Currently in the $500,000 range, this budget covers the operating costs of the national fraternity (rent, staff, consultants, insurance, etc.), as well as the costs of Conventions, LSI, Conclaves, Garnet & White publications, mailings, and equipment. Mike is also responsible for some of National's fundraising efforts, part of which are currently utilized in lieu of Graduate dues, no longer issued by the National Fraternity (although AXPEF is another story!).

Mike notes many similarities to his position as National treasurer with his current position as BOD treasurer, as well as his past duty as undergraduate treasurer. The main difference, Henry explains, is that at the National level, he is much less involved with the actual expenditures of the Fraternity. At the local level, Mike was physically writing the checks (giving him a much more accurate "pulse" of the day-to-day finances), whereas at the National level, Mike is generally informed of expenditures as they happen (through the Executive Director/Secretary and staff).

While in office (a "floating" term which Mike intends to maintain for the next several years, provided that he is not ousted and/or alienated by the Council which appointed him), Mike's primary goal is to improve National's cash flow from year to year. Currently, National's revenues (primarily from undergraduate chapter assessments and initiation fees) are billed only twice a year, resulting in extended periods of low cash flow. Mike attributes this problem to a lack of a buffer within the budget to account for gaps in collections.

Mike is the first brother of our chapter to serve as a **graduate** member of National Council. Two brothers, Jimmy Nichols '86 and Chris Blume '90 also served on the National Council as Undergraduate Councilors. In addition to being a constant asset to both our undergraduate and graduate bodies since his initiation some 12 years ago, Mike has recently found a way to better the National fraternity as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 25th – TOAD VALLEY ROAST

Saturday, September 22nd – Homecoming

Sunday, October 14th – Rutland Family Outing

Winter – Ice Cats Game (date to be announced)

KUZMA & NICHOLS ELECTED TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

At this year's national convention held in Orlando in June, Rich Kuzsma '02 was elected to serve as a Resident (formerly called Undergraduate) Councillor for the National Fraternity. Jim Nichols was elected to a four year term as a Graduate Councillor. This means that Delta Sigma Phi Crows presently make up 1/3 of the National Council.

Sparky's Gossip

by Mark Stanley '85

Congratulations to **Mike '91** and Joann **Lemberger** on the birth of their son, Derek Adam… A daughter, Olivia Rose, was born 03/02/01 to **Dave '92** and Jen **Colombo**. Olivia's birth weight was 7lbs 3oz…**Thomas Pane '93** started his Chief Resident year in general surgery at the Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA. Tom plans to follow this with additional training in plastic and reconstructive surgery next year at an as yet undetermined site. Tom and his wife Debbie have also just recently celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary…Congratulations to **Jay Sheehan '91** and his wife Ellen on the birth of their daughter, Victoria Lynn, born 05/07/01. Victoria was born at Danbury Hospital in CT and weighed in at 6lbs 4oz…**Tom '95** and Patti **Forcier** have moved to a warmer climate by taking up residence in the Sunshine State, Florida… **Kevin '90** and Janet **Bowen** announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Lynn, born 05/13/01…**Kyoyul Oh '88** recently left his job in Michigan at Gates Rubber Company to accept a new position at Lucent Technologies-Bell Labs in Norcross, GA (just outside Atlanta). Kyo and wife Petrina now make their home in Alpharetta, GA… A baby boy, Nathan Daniel, was born 02/02/01 to **Tim '92** and Christine **O'Connor**. Nathan weighed 7lbs 8oz at birth…**Mike Miller '94** and wife Kelly have recently moved to Florida…**Dave '88** and Kristi **Padley** announce the birth of their son, Cameron David, born 12/24/00… **Andy Siegel '89** was wed last year in April to Manar Abdelrahman and now lives in the Willow Glen section of San Jose, CA. Andy is currently the Western Area Sales Manager for NetLogic Microsystems in Mountain View, CA. Andy had previously completed a long career in a variety of positions and locales in the Navy in 1998 which he had begun upon graduation from WPI…**Jeff Remillard '85** and wife Stephanie announce the birth of their second child, a son, Samuel Gant, born 04/16/01. Sam was delivered via home birth and weighed in at 7lbs…

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2001 GRADUATES!

Bachelor of Science

William C. Alter, BS in Computer Science
Debabrata Banerjee, BS in Electrical Engineering
Nathan Campoli, BS in Electrical Engineering
John J. Casill, BS in Electrical Engineering
M.V.S. Chandrashekar, BS in Electrical Engineering
Kenneth J. Fountain, III, BS in Biotechnology
Jaseem Hasib, BS in Electrical Engineering
Andrew P. Houde, BS in Electrical Engineering
Bentley A. Kern, BS in Computer Science
Ken Ozeni, BS in Electrical Engineering
Andrew Stone, BS in Computer Science
Ralph G. Thompson, BS in Computer Science
Sean P. P. G. Wickman, BS in Biotechnology

Master of Science

Nick Amaral, MS in Mechanical Engineering

TREASURER'S NOTE

Graduate Brothers,

Graduate Chapter Dues were mailed slightly behind schedule, on May 11, 2001. If you did not receive an invoice and would like to make a donation to the Graduate Chapter, the dues schedule consists of a **$20** donation to the graduate chapter, a **$5** donation to the building fund, and an optional donation to Undergraduate Rush. Please make checks payable to the **Graduate Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, 100 Curran Road, Cumberland, RI 02864-7300**. Your much-appreciated contribution helps fund our quarterly newsletter, Homecoming, the Commencement Reception, and various events for graduates throughout the year.

Fraternally,
Nick Amaral, Graduate Chapter Treasurer

BRING YOUR FAMILY TO RUTLAND STATE PARK

FALL OUTING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

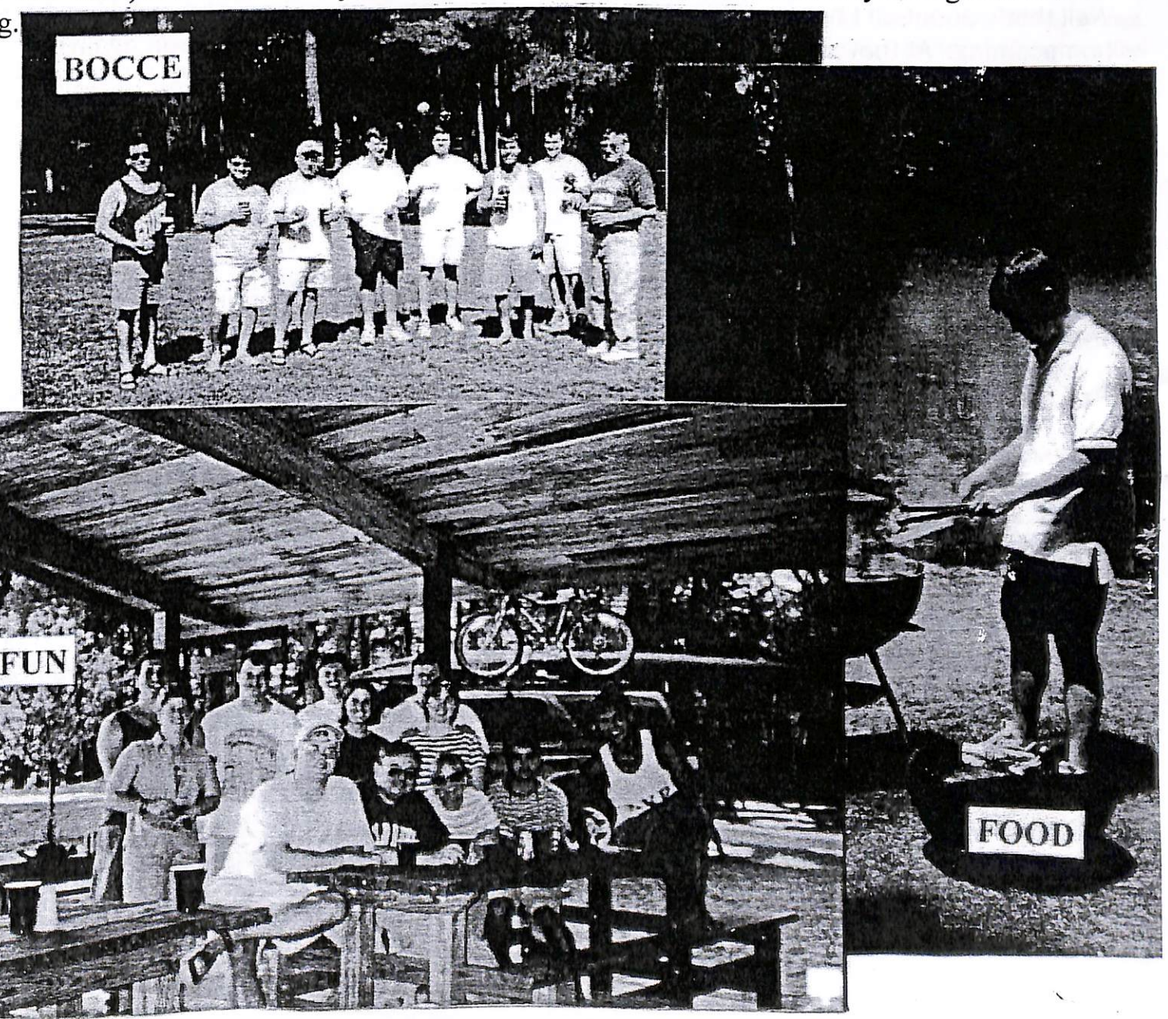
The Grad Chapter will be sponsoring an outing at Rutland State Park on **Sunday, October 14, 2001**. This event will take place from 11am to dusk.. Brothers are encouraged to bring their entire family and enjoy a day of food and fun.

The park has walking/biking/rollerblading trails, a swimming area, and basketball court. Activities may include softball, volleyball, Frisbee, and more. When this event was last held in July 1999, bocce was the big hit. (See pics below)

Hamburgers, hotdogs, and soda will be provided by the graduate chapter. Your are encouraged to bring a food item to share (salad, potato chips, dessert, etc.)

Directions from the Worcester area: 122A north past Rutland Center, the road for the park will be on the right. After turning into the park's main entrance, follow the road for approximately ½ mile, then turn left into the parking area. Inform the ranger you are with AXP.

For planning purposes, **please contact Pete Tessier via e-mail (Pete648@hotmail.com) or phone (860-635-7032)** to let him know you will be attending and what food/snacks you might be able to bring.



Notes From The Bored

Well it's been awhile since last we had some notes from the BOD. Two Homecomings ago Mike Andrus '97 was elected to the Board of Directors replacing the retiring George Graw. The rest of the Board thanks George for staying an extra year plus a few months until his replacement could be found. At the last Homecoming Bob Tonning '96 opted to take another five-year tour on the Board. Bob continues on as chairman, Rick Brodeur is the current vice-president, Steve Leece (living in the Philippines no less) remains as Secretary and I am still the Treasurer.

Our last few meetings have been done using all the latest technologies to connect the members from around the globe. The latest meeting saw the approval of the undergraduate budget for the coming year, which saw a slight decrease in costs due to the large postulant classes of the last few years. In our homecoming meeting we resolved the aged debt down to the largest 8 outstanding debtors to the fraternity. We are working to collect from this final group and thus end an ongoing battle of finances. The last few years have seen nearly 100% collections, so will diligence from the undergraduates this situation should not happen in the future.

Well that's about all I have on this stuff. The next board meeting should be in July and then at homecoming. At that meeting my second term is expiring, maybe I should run again?

RED SOX vs. TAMPA BAY RECAP

by Jeff Camara '03 and Nick Amaral '00

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On Saturday April 7, 23 Crow boys and girlfriends, both grads and undergrads alike, got together for Game 2 of the Fenway Park opening series against Tampa Bay. We all met up for a few "beverages" at the house of **Luke Poppish '98** and **Brian Bresnahan '98** prior to the game. After pounding a few drinks, we made our way to the bus stop. We all sat there waiting for the bus, when a group of five guys, lead by **Andre "Spice" Orbegozo '98** and **Doug Sullivan '98**, decided to take the 20 minute walk down Mass Ave. instead of waiting for the bus. Five minutes later the bus shows up as the rest of us cram into the bus with the Boston University rugby team. After a few minutes of pointing and laughing at the walkers, we arrived at Fenway Park. As we walked around the park looking for our entrance gate, all the fans outside were cheering things from obsenities to **"Yankees Suck"**. We of course took part in the **"Yankees Suck"** cheer as every diehard Red Sox fan would. A few of us decided to buy some Italian sausages and peppers. **Nick Amaral '00** proceeded to eat 8 full-length sausages to the cheer of many onlookers. Then it was into the park to watch the game.

We sat in the Right Field Grandstand, where it was about 39 degrees for the entire game. The Red Sox took the field and proceeded to destroy the Devil Rays, hitting two home runs in the process. Trot Nixon hit a short homerun just left of Pesky's Pole into the Tampa Bay bullpen. Shea Hillenbrand hit the first home run of his major league career. After several Fenway franks and over-priced beers, we left Fenway for more food and drinking at Luke and Brez's place. The game proved to be a great Graduate Chapter event that we look forward to holding every year.

CROW PREZ OF WPI's IFC

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NATE THOMPSON '02

NATHAN THOMPSON

It was in December of 2000 that I became President of WPI's IFC. I was a little hesitant in running because I had been incredibly busy with classes and being chapter president my junior year, but such is life and this was no excuse.

What really got me interested was the frustration in knowing that things could be done better with just a more organized and concise commitment. This was something I knew I could bring to the position. Like many of the chapter presidents, I was frustrated with the way that chapters communicated with each other and with the school. In the middle of D term (April of 2000) three chapter presidents, myself included, were at a leadership conference and we were all complaining on the way IFC was being run. Wondering if the rest of the presidents saw the same things we were seeing, we decided to organize, totally informal, presidents' meetings. Fridays at 5 we would order some pizzas (no beers because it we met on campus) and meet to discuss anything and everything. We talked about drinking, judicial policies, lack of entertaining campus-wide events, social probation, frustration with some campus cops, etc. At these meetings it was often said that the problem with IFC is that we need people on IFC that have experience dealing with the problems that the chapters face.

This brings me to my next point, which is how I got elected. Four people, including myself, were running for the position, two of whom were already regulars to IFC meetings: myself as a chapter president and a Phi Sig Kap who was the IFC Risk Management officer. Luckily this Crow guy had some things going for him. One was that the people who vote for the IFC positions are the chapter presidents, of which many I had become good friends with through the presidents' meetings. The second thing was that also through these meetings I knew all the problems and concerns of the people who were voting.

I was away in London for C term and had a hand picked interim fill in. So I have really only been at the job since mid-March, but it has been an interesting start already. As of right now the only thing that I have knowingly accomplished this term is bring more organization and accountability to the council. Typed agendas and pre-determined meeting times and places have already greatly increased attendance both of chapter presidents and IFC executives. Also, we have already 'ironed out' all the dates of IFC events and rush dates for the upcoming school year. This allows all the chapters and other campus organizations to better plan their events.

I have many goals that I still hope to accomplish before my term ends. I believe that we as a Greek campus must work from the inside out. Improving Inter-chapter relations is my top goal as President. What I have noticed from talking to fraternity guys from other campuses is that when the houses are really competitive in a *non-friendly* way it only serves to hurt the numbers of the whole Greek system. Improving internal relations starts when houses feel comfortable talking to each other. As president of AXP I knew brothers in a good majority of the houses. As IFC president I know brothers *well* in all the houses. Spreading goodwill between the Greek starts, one house at a time, one brother at a time. When problems arise between our house and another house, I have an immediate connection into that house and know exactly who to talk to in order to solve the problem. Likewise, when there are problems between two other houses, I know whom to first approach.

There are still problems that I do not know how to fix just yet. Policies on parties and drinking have been and will continue to be a sticky issue. Due to the repercussions of the death of the MIT FIJI back in December of 1998 we have been confronting an ever more stringent alcohol policy. The school has been dealing with houses that commit social infractions and rendering our IFC judicial board less and less effective. But luckily, knock on wood, there have been no major house incidents since I have taken office and I hope to see it continue that way.

What I have realized is that we should all strive to make improvements not only in the house but also to our institution. Campus involvement for me is one way that I try to do this. In addition to being the IFC president, I am also the programs chair in the Student Alumni Society (SAS). This entails organizing the traditions events for WPI such as

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Founders day, Traditions day, and some events that we run with homecoming, Winter Carnival, and Quadfest.

Also, this past term it was a great honor to be tapped and initiated into "The Skull" senior honor society, following in the large footsteps of Dan Alcombright c/o '83 and the late Ollie Olson. This society works towards lofty goals such as preserving the history and traditions of WPI, acting as a sounding board for student ideas and concerns, and attempting to bring together different groups on campus for unified purposes, both Greek and non-Greek. As for pictures of the inside of the tomb…I'll have get back to you on that.

But wait… I haven't forgotten about service to the house. Come Friday November 30th I will have yet another job: Postulant leader. So I hope to see all you guys down Friday night for Bids night, Saturday the 1st for Football, Sunday the 2nd for the pinning ceremony, or any of the postulant events. Alumni participation at any event would be greatly appreciated and help me out in trying to teach the new guys that we are fraternity men for life. Expect email reminders on crownet before and throughout postulancy with further details. Go Crow!

In the Bond,
Nathan Thompson
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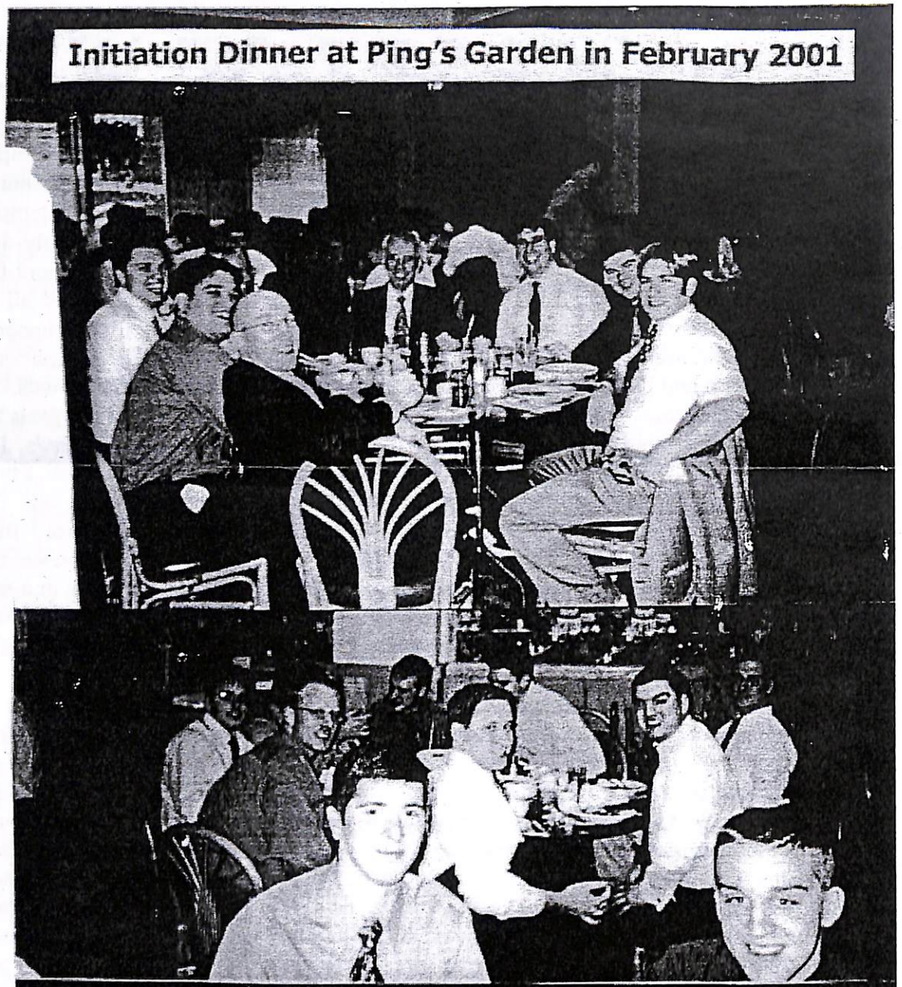

Hewitty's Trivia Corner

"Ye Olde Swille Shoppe"

by Steve Leece '69

And another newsletter rolls around. Like birthdays, they seem to be coming faster and faster. For newsletters, at least, that's probably a good thing.

We were somewhat chastised by our little brother (and fellow old fart) Pete Miner about contemplating the 70th anniversary in our last column. "What about the 50th?" he asks, implying that on the occasion of the 50th we probably won't be quite dead yet, maybe. Anyway, he has a marvelous point because that joyous occasion is only 14 or so years away. If we stretch… really stretch… we can anticipate a four-digit scroll number at that ceremony.

But enough conjecture. This is a trivial trivia column, so let's peer back in the dust of days gone by and see what we see.

We start by looking back a few weeks to a recently held Fraternity Board Meeting. A full complement of Board members was in attendance at the meeting, despite being in three cities on two continents. Through the technology of teleconferencing and internet, budget spreadsheets were instantly available in all three locations and the discussion was as lively as it has ever been when all members are confined in the spaces of the same room. (It was even livelier when a housing deal was done last year from three continents and several cities).

Isn't it interesting that the basis for all this modern technology was really invented by, conceptualized by, designed originally by people with SLIDE RULES? Yes, slide rules! Those long stick things with numbers on them, spaced in convenient logarithmic proportion. Those things.

Now it is true, that a considerable amount of the newsletter readership have never had the opportunity to use slide rules. Many of you have never taken a physics exam, calculating the correct number on your stick, but only to find several days later that you received zero credit because you were off six orders of magnitude. Many of you have never tried to write formulas on the inside stick only to find it was rubbed off before you came to that part of the exam. In fact, many of you have never seen a slide rule and wouldn't know what it was even if someone slapped you on the butt with it.

It really is difficult to describe what it was like to do all your calculations on a slide rule (except for the rotten prof who made you use log tables because he wanted more than three significant figures) because it is really something you have to experience. Kind of like a hangover. It's one thing to try to describe a rip-snorting tequila, beer and sloe gin hangover to someone (e.g. your wife or girlfriend who is torqued because you made such an ass of yourself last night). But until they have experienced for themselves the exquisite co-mingling of pain, malaise, nausea, throbbing, eyeball pressure and itching teeth of such an event, it's impossible for them to really know. So it is with the slide rule.

First, you have to choose the correct one. Post and Keuffel & Esser were the ones of choice. Good bamboo never bound up in an exam, unlike those cheap metal jobs you brought from home. If, as a freshman, you made the hideous mistake of hanging the thing on your belt with the nice leather belt loop provided, you instantly got to try your hand at fencing with some other turkey who had made the same mistake. By the end of the second day, no frosh wore his slide rule ever again.

We shall break the story here to provide a little background for recent readers. Back in the days of slide rules, incoming freshmen were required to wear a stupid looking beanie, a stupider looking bow tie, and a clunky sign (front and back) giving their name and hometown. They were allowed to cross West St. only via Earle Bridge (where, of course, they were harassed unmercifully by upper classmen intent on seeing the frosh duel with slide rules or act like a dying cockroach.) All of this was a carefully calculated rush technique to get to know the frosh names quickly. The hazing even got the closet brothers to come out.

Back now to our story, in those days one was never without one's slide rule. You needed it. You used it in every class. In its time it was as indispensable to the WPI man as a microwave is to today's house husband; as a cell phone is to today's drug dealer; as a .38 and a semiautomatic rifle is to today's high school student and postal worker. You just couldn't function without it. One got really fast at multiplication and division. Logs and natural logs were a breeze. Some guys got so they could use all the different scales. Today we call those types of guys nerds. Then we called those types of guys nerds. Some things never change.

One could only get three significant figures from a slide rule and you had to calculate the decimal point separately. No doubt it was because people used slide rules that design margins for buildings are a factor of eight and bridges are six orders of magnitude. But most bridges designed by slide rules are still standing, albeit rusted and cracked.

All this notwithstanding, I'd never want to go back to the slide rule days. My computer never makes decimal point mistakes, always adds correctly and won't let me divide by zero. Although it is a little heavier to carry around and you can't duel with it very well, it also spell checks, sends email and lets me visit websites for a wide variety of product we used to be able to get only in limited quantities through Nils the campus cop. Progress is, indeed, wonderful.

I'll drink to that…. **Hewitty**

HOMECOMING 2001

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:00 AM	Annual Association Corp Meeting AXP Chapter House
11:30 AM	Graduate Chapter Meeting AXP Chapter House
12:30 PM	Tailgate Party WPI Quad
1:00 PM	Football Game WPI Alumni Field
5:00 PM	Alumni Reception AXP Chapter House
6:00 PM	Buffet Dinner AXP Chapter House
8:00 PM	Homecoming Party AXP Chapter House

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THE WPI CROW

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WHAT A RUSH!

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BIDS RETURNED

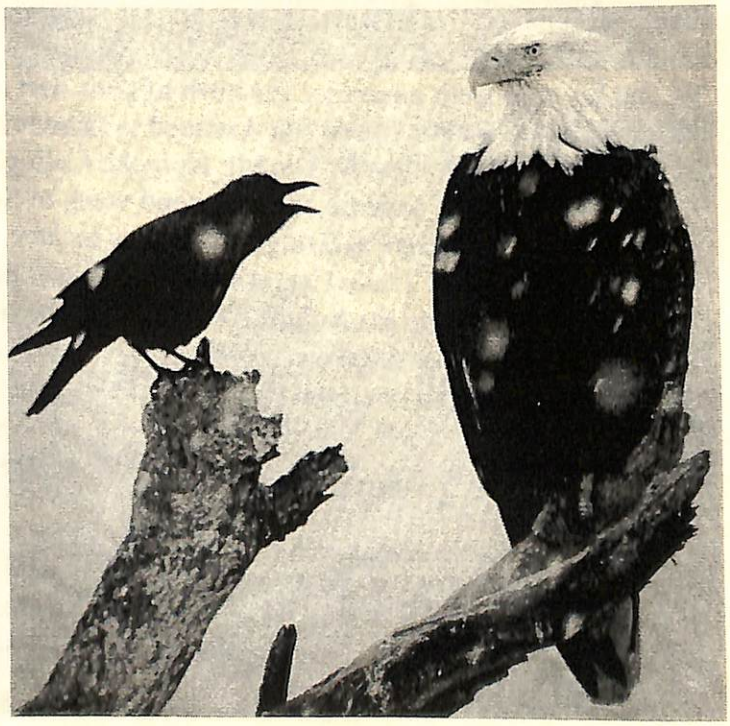
(EDITORS NOTE: This article is written from the perspective of an undergraduate Brother anticipating the successful completion of Rush last November…a Rush that produced a record 31 postulants. While it is still a goal of the chapter to maintain a size of 15 to 20 members per class, this year's Rush shows how strong our chapter is and how these undergrads are capable of achieving whatever they put their collective efforts toward. As of the end of January there remain 24 postulants and they are an impressive group of young men.)

by Luiz Santos '04

In a few hours, many "firsts" will probably occur. It will probably be most of the postulants' first fraternity party. For some, it could be their first sip of alcohol, which may result in their first hangover. Unfortunately, the first hole in the wall may also take place somewhere in between. But while those occurrences do happen on nights like tonight, they are not important. They can happen anytime, anywhere else in the world. What is important are the "firsts" that a fraternity brings. The first conversation that will begin the Brotherhood bond that is even stronger than friendship. The first time one realizes he is part of another family besides his own. The first step a man takes in a lifelong commitment. Yes, tonight is bids night, and every year the young men who sign their bids experience this night of "firsts." But this year is different. Rush has surpassed all expectations, and the expected postulant class looks to be one of the strongest in the fraternity's history. This year, it is not only the postulants that will have a night of firsts, but the brothers as well. Tonight could be the first step towards a better Alpha Chi Rho.

If this were a movie or novel, one could call this moment right here the climax. All the pieces are in place. We've done all we could have done, and now we just wait and see if the hard work pays off. Right now, there are 39 undergraduate brothers. This year 35 bids were handed out. Now the question is, "How many will sign?" But the house atmosphere is not one of great tension. Rather, it is one of great accomplishment. While other houses wet-rushed to attract prospective members and black-rushed (bad-mouthing other fraternities) to tarnish our reputation, we stood above all that. We just stayed true to ourselves. The Rushees had fun despite the absence of alcohol. They made their own opinion on us rather than relying on others. Much of this is due to the leadership skills of Chris Vigneau and Tony Maietta, our two Rush Chairmen.

While Vigneau and Maietta are only NIBs, they acted as if they have had years of experience. The Rush Chairs made Rush meetings and **(Continued Last Page)**



Sparky's Gossip

by Mark Stanley '85

Ralph Casale '85 and his wife Susan announce the birth of their second child. Gerald Anthony Casale, weighing 8lbs 2oz, was born 12/14/01. **Chris Duggan '83** and his wife Mary Fran recently moved back to New England from Minnesota after four years. Chris and Mary Fran will be temporarily living on Cape Cod…**Kevin Bowen '90** now works for Cisco Systems as it acquired his former employer, Arrowpoint Communications…**Pete Anamasi '92** was wed to Jill Chinnici 10/20/01 in Cleveland, OH. **Mike Henry '92** and **Jay McGaffigan '92** were groomsmen. Pete and his wife will reside just outside Baltimore in Nottingham, MD in a home that they just purchased…Twins, Victor Salvador and Athena Grace, were born to **Mark Gibelli '92** and wife Monique 11/30/01…**Paul Lavigne '89** and his wife Vandana were briefly back from Hong Kong visiting family in CT for Thanksgiving…**Andy Houde '01** was recently engaged to Crystal Joncas…**Chris Kuiawa '96** recently bought a home in Warwick, RI…Congratulations to **Jay McGaffigan '92** and his wife Heather on the birth of a daughter, Mary Anna. She was born 11/20/01 and weighed in at 6lbs 12oz…Both **Tom Collins '01** and **Andy Stone '01** were recently hired by WPI. Tom is employed as a PC/LAN Desktop Administrator and Andy is employed as a New Technology Specialist…**Mark Anderson '03** was recently engaged to Jill Bettencourt…**Jay Cameron '83** has transferred back to Hartford, CT from Texas. Jay Continues to be employed by Hartford Steam Boiler doing ASME pressure vessel design and inspection…Congratulations to **John Stewart '97** and his wife Liz on the birth of their son, John Thomas, born 09/14/01…**Edwin Martin '01** recently joined the Peace Corps and is on assignment in Kenya…**Jason Bourgeois '98** was wed to Kellie Popp in upstate NY in 06/16/01. Jay also now works for Maxtor…**Mike Lemberger '91**, wife Joanne, and son Derek will be moving to Paris, France in January. Mike has accepted his 2nd assignment in France for Norton/St. Gobain. Mike and Joanne were last there in 1996…**Chris Pisz '94** and his wife Beth announce the birth of their first child, a son, Ryan born 10/21/01…**Brian Carey '98** was wed to Darcey Lynn Paquette 10/07/01 in South Hadley, MA at Mt. Holyoke College…**Mike Salk '86** was very fortunate to have taken the second week of September off as a vacation time. His office at Bridge News was located directly across the street from the World Trade Center (WTC). He had previously worked in the WTC in 1993 when the building was bombed by terrorists. Mike was home across the Hudson River in New Jersey where he lives with his wife Harriet and daughter when terrorists again struck the WTC September 11. He now works out of an office in the Times Square area as his old building is uninhabitable. Mike wanted you all to know is very appreciative of everyone's concerns for him at that time.

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As the economy worsens, many of our alumni have unfortunately lost their jobs due to corporate downsizing. Please keep your friends in mind if your employer has any opportunities. Posting job openings via CROWNET is encouraged.

NOTES FROM THE BORED

By Mike Henry '92

Hmm…What to say here?

Our last meeting of the Building Association BOD was at Homecoming, Mike Henry '92 was elected to his 3rd term on the BOD (fool!!). This meeting was again a technological wonder, we had Steve Leece calling in from the Philippines and Rick Brodeur from Pennsylvania. A new ~~Homeland Security~~ I mean Metrics Committee was formed. Mike Andrus will be chairing this committee which is going to be responsible for measuring metrics of the fraternity, if you would like additional information please contact Steve Leece. A survey of the undergraduates was completed in A-term to measure the overall feelings within the house. We are currently working with the undergraduate housing committee to secure permanent future housing for the Fraternity.

Well that's about all the news I have at this time. Hopefully by the next time I will be employed…

The present members of the BOD are:
Bob Tonning '95– Chairman
Mike Henry '92 – Treasurer
Mike Andrus '97 – Metrics Commander
Steve Leece '69 – Secretary
Rick Brodeur – Vice Chairman
Pete Tessier '00- Grad Chapter Pres
Rich Kuzsma '02 – Undergrad Pres

Crows Hit the Road

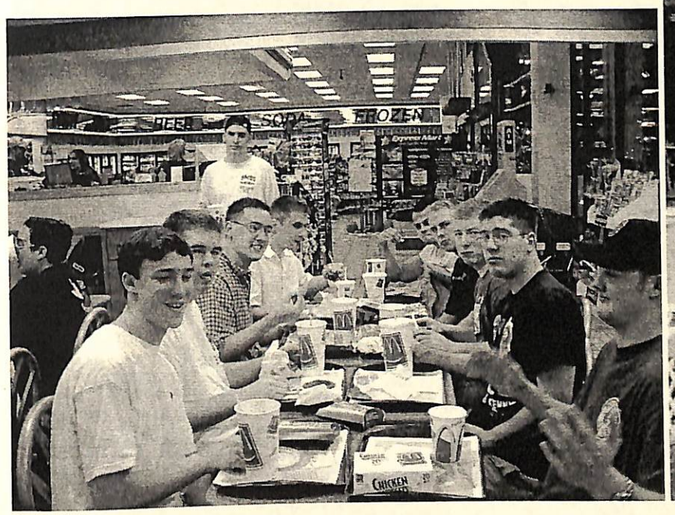
Over the mid-semester break, 18 WPI Crows piled into 5 cars to embark on one of the longest and greatest road trips in Chapter history. The plan was to visit 4 Chapters, 4 states, and 2 countries, head as far west as Central Michigan University, and cover 1900+ miles. Nobody really knew where or if we would sleep or shower, but we knew for sure we'd eat and drink to our hearts' content!

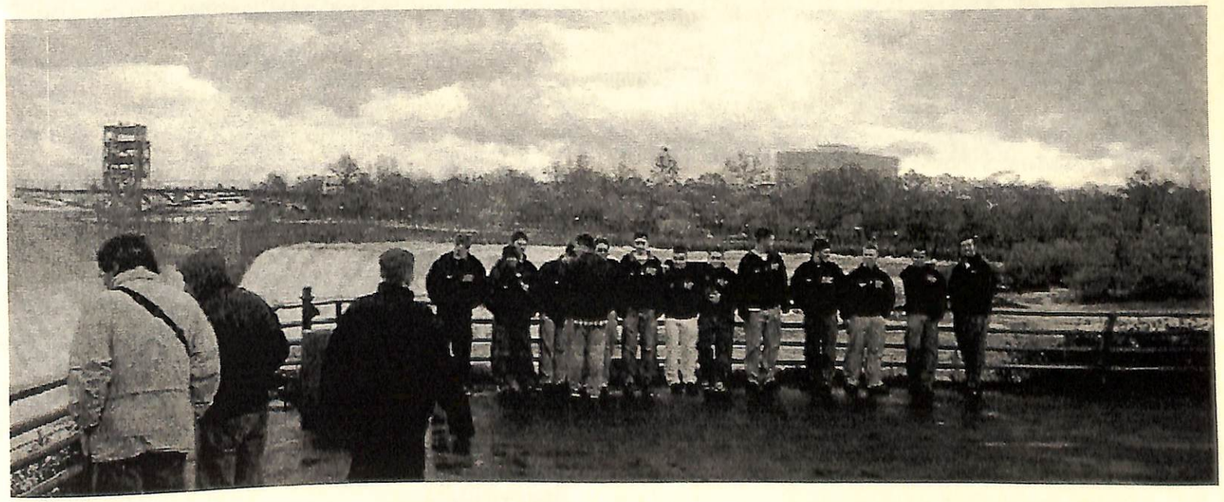
Our first stop on Wednesday night was 8 hours away in Alfred, NY. We stayed with the Brothers from the Tau Phi Chapter at Alfred University. They had a lot of spirit and were more than happy to put off studying for one night to party up with the WPI guys.

The next day we saw Niagara Falls and made our presence internationally known by crossing the border into Canada. We couldn't find any Chapters out there, just a lot of funny sounding people, different currency, and a lower drinking age. After hitting the bars, Brothers crammed into 3 rooms at the cheapest hotel in Toronto.

Friday night we arrived at Central Michigan University, home of the Phi Iota Chi Chapter, 2000 Curly Walden Cup winner. We partied really hard with those guys. Only one of us visited the emergency room that night (way to go, Rich!). We thought our bodies were all partied out, but we somehow ended up on the front porch of the Syracuse University Chapter Saturday night. Yet again, the ΔΣΦ Crows showed another Chapter how serious we are about fun.

Overall, the Brothers who went on the trip had one of the best bonding times ever. All who went felt a renewed sense of pride in AXP and especially our Chapter. WOO, HAH, Alpha Chi Rho!





Trinity Chapter Chartered Again, for the First Time

By Bob Tonning '95

On November 17, 2001, Alpha Chi Rho reinstated its first chapter at Trinity College in Hartford, CT. Approximately 25 men were initiated into the Phi PSi chapter, at a chartering ceremony held at the Trinity chapel.

Nearly 75 people attended the initiation ceremony, including original Phi Psi brothers Ethan "Mike" Bassford '39, Van Hart '44, Ned Kulp '50.

As Alpha Chi Rho's first chapter, Phi Psi did not receive a charter at its original inception in 1895. After 106 years, our first chapter finally received its charter, signed by 9 members of our National fraternity (including three Delta Sigma Phi brothers, Mike Henry '92, Jim Nichols '86, and Rich Kuszma '02).

Success At Crow Bowl – Who Woulda Thunk It?

By Bob Tonning '95

On November 10, 2001, 9 men from WPI (grads, undergrads, and "etc.") attended Alpha Chi Rho's annual Crow Bowl football tournament, held at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA. Out of the 14 teams competing for the coveted "Crow Bowl" trophy, WPI's team of engineers and computer science majors placed 3rd overall, defeating Temple Ambler, as well as the football houses of Lehigh and Ramapo. After entering the quarter-final round at 3-0, WPI played well-fought yet futile games against Kutztown and Mansfield, who wound up 1st and 2nd overall.

After an 0-2 record in 1999 and 2-1 record in 2000, WPI continued to improve its standings in the NFL (National Fraternity League), and is undoubtedly a threat when the 2002 tournament returns to Philly.

Penn State Recolonized – Son of WPI #1 is Prez

By Cory Melemed '04

Alpha Chi Rho welcomes the new postulants of the Phi Lambda colony. On September 8, 2001, seven young men took their first steps towards Brothers of AXP. Along with Brothers from the Drexel, Monmouth, and WPI chapters, we had National President Jeffrey Turco and Executive Director Matt Jenkins preside over the ceremony.

President Turco conducted the ceremony to pin the postulants with two Brothers from the original Phi Lambda chapter, Dave Kaschak and John Elnitski. Tim Brodeur, president of the Penn State colony, was an exception however, as he had the privilege to be pinned by Scroll 001 Rick Brodeur, his father.

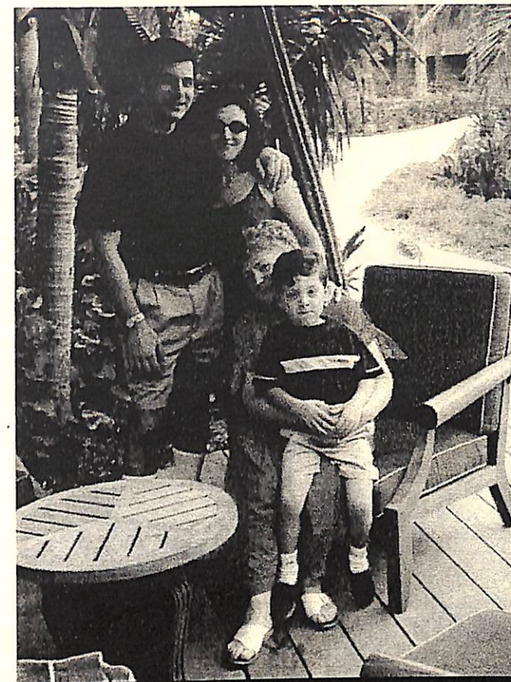
As the pinning ceremony concluded, a few Brothers had a few choice words to mark the occasion. The National President Jeff Turco stated that he could not wait til the day that the charter was returned and hanging in its original and rightful spot. The two brothers from the original Phi Lambda chapter also expressed their thoughts on this momentous occasion.

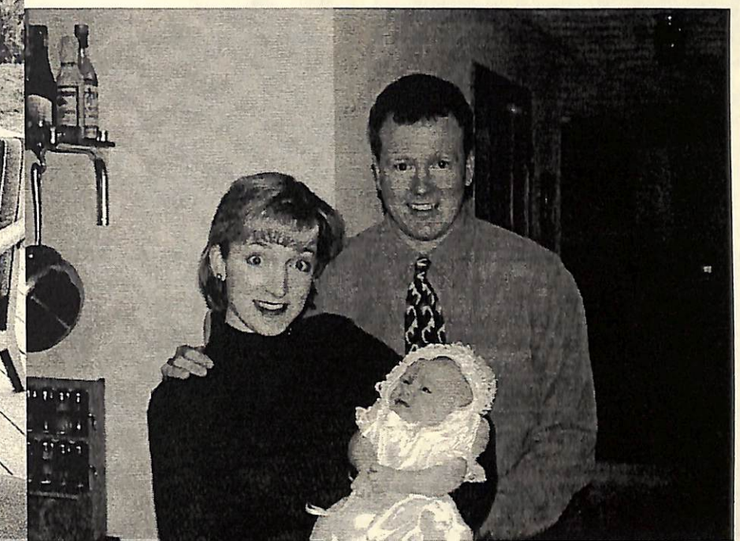
Brother Elnitski spoke on how he saw the Postulants as a rebirth of the fraternity at Penn State. Elnitski also mentioned that Crow Bowl was hosted at the school and was one of the biggest national fraternity events at the time. Furthermore, he reminded those in attendance that in order to succeed, they must not forget that they are a national fraternity, and they must maintain good relations with the National Council.

While Brother Elnitski stressed the tasks a fraternity must achieve to survive, Brother Kaschak emphasized the priorities an upstanding Brother should hold. Kaschak believed that there were three important things that all people should remember. First, family must be one's main concern. Kaschak believed that one's family played an integral part in shaping one's values and personality. Academics should then be second in one's priority list, since without respectable grades one would not be able to participate in organizations such as Alpha Chi Rho. Once the other two responsibilities are accomplished and sustained, the fraternity should be the third priority. A Brother is a Brother for life, and he should hold this principle with utmost importance.

As a special note to the evening's ceremonies, Rick Brodeur presented a gavel to his son Tim. This gavel was engraved with "Tim Brodeur, President of Phi Lambda Colony." It was a wonderful way to conclude the ceremony to welcome the new Postulants.

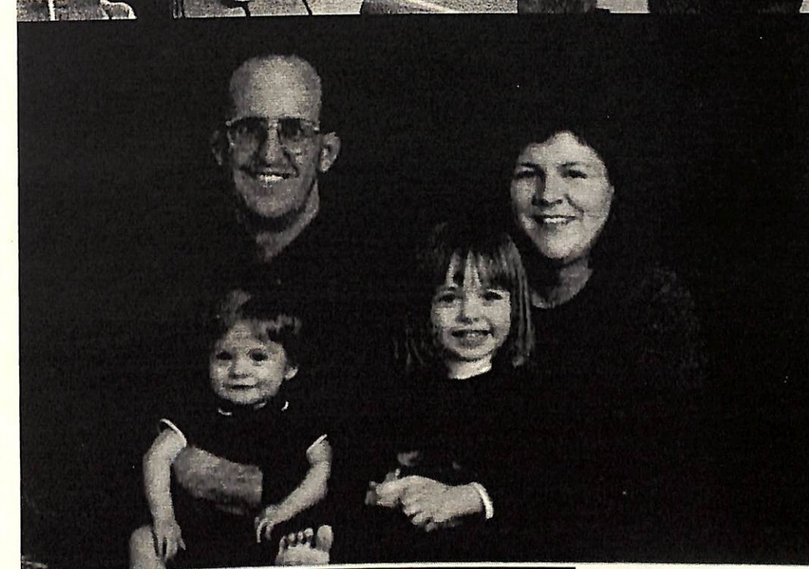
The Phi Lambda colony was originally started in 1917 at Pennsylvania State University. During its existence, Penn State was also the home of the Crow Bowl Basketball Tournament before it was relocated to Utica College. Alumni from the Penn State chapter include Brothers Fred Waring, inventor of the Waring Blender, Brother Brig. General William Pagonis of the U.S. Army and Brother Robert Schwartz, Chairman of the Board of Met Life Inns. Hopefully, the members of the Phi Lambda colony will be able to match and surpass the success achieved by the old Phi Lambda chapter.



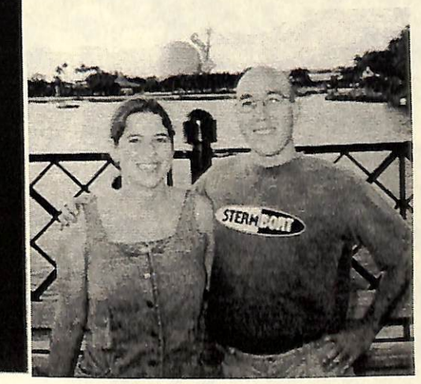


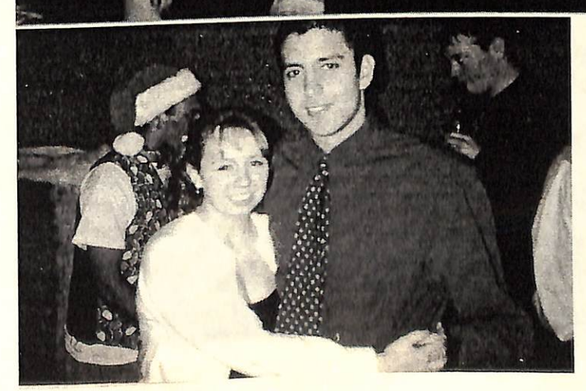
Left: Mike '88 and Anna Basmajian in Aruba with little Mike

Below: Jay McGaffigan '92 and Heather celebrate Mary Anna's christening



Left: Jeff '85 and Stephanie Remillard with Grace & Sam





Above: Jeff '95 and Carla Modderno at Epcot

Left: Ravi Misra '00 and Sara

Clockwise from Left: Jose '96 and Dani Orbegozo; The Swindell's, John '92 and Amy with young Rachel; Newlyweds Pete '92 and Jill Anamasi; Kelsey Rydant, daughter of Rich '86 and Anne; Newborn Megan Sarah Jackson daughter of Rob '95 and Stacy.

Top Right: Kevin '90 and Janet celebrate Christmas with the kids

Middle: Jamie with older sister Allie daughters of Dan '90 and Tammy Falla

Bottom: Bob and Emily Tonning, son and daughter of Bob '95 and Jen Tonning

Bottom Right: Our constantly growing family

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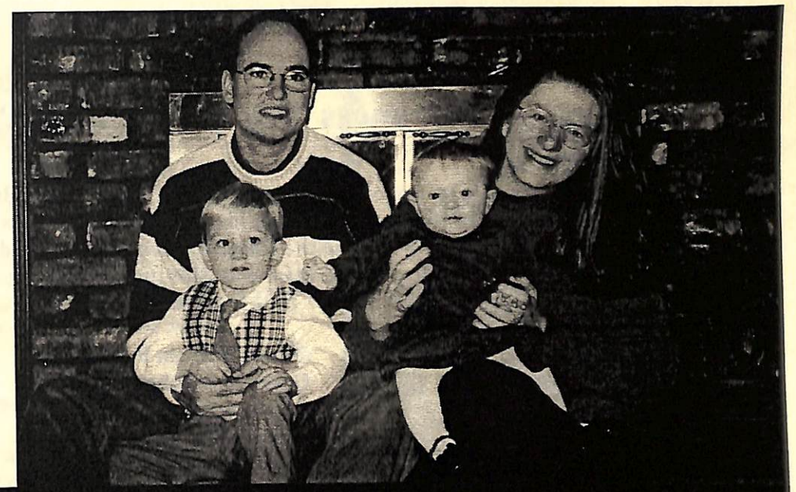

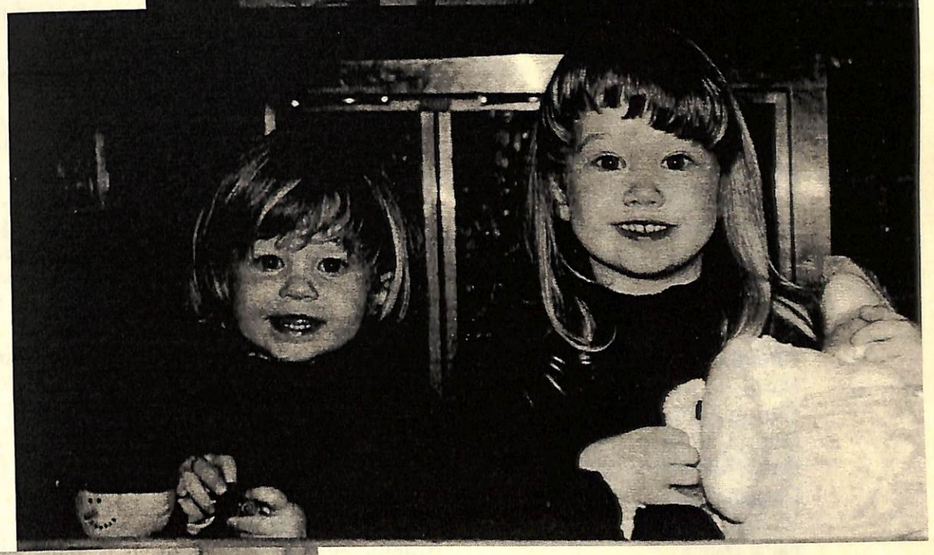

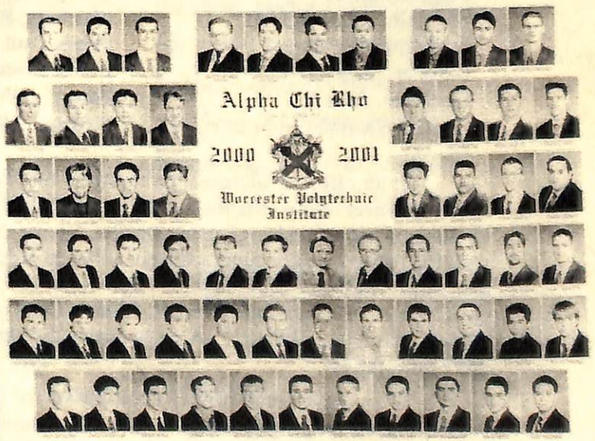

Treasurer Announces New Online Dues Payment Option Nick Amaral '00

I would like to express my sincere **thanks to all those Brothers who contributed** to the Graduate Chapter this past year and would like to recognize them for their generosity. They represent almost twenty-five percent of Graduate Chapter members. The Graduate Chapter collected $3655 and contributed $875 to Undergraduate Rush and $740 to the Building Fund. The following is a list of Brothers who contributed for the 2001-2002 fiscal year:

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In an effort to increase the response rate to dues solicitations, the Graduate Chapter has decided to notify Brothers of dues via the newsletter, and offer the option of paying dues online quickly and easily at the Graduate Chapter webpage using PayPal. Secure payments can be made by credit card without registering with PayPal or directly deducted from a PayPal member's checking account. Registration with PayPal is free and takes less than one minute. In addition to being more convenient than conventional mailing, it will save the Graduate Chapter an estimated $200. Dues can be paid any time between May 1 and the end of the current fiscal year, July 31. **A dues notice for the 2002-2003 fiscal year** will be sent out with the **Spring 2002 newsletter**.

If you have yet to make a contribution for the current fiscal year, and you are currently a member of PayPal, **send your payment to the Graduate Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho** business account c/o **nick_amaral@yahoo.com** or **send a check, payable to Graduate Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, to 27230 West Canfield Dr. #216, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127-1038.**

Interview with Postulant Domenic Giancola '2005

Q: How did you first become involved w/ AXP?

A: Would have to be homecoming weekend. We were all hanging out at the dorm when Marc Robinson (fellow postulant who has since de-postulizd) suggested we head down to the quad for some free food. So we headed down to the quad, hung out with the brothers for a while, had some burgers. It was a good time.

Q: Describe RUSH from a Rushee's perspective.

A: Rush was a blast. Hanging out at the house, talking with the brothers, playing pool at Jillian's, watching Vigneau fail miserably hitting on the Hooter's waitresses. I decided which fraternties to hang out with at the beginning by who had better events but decided about midway that Crow was where I was going to end up.

Q: On that, what impressed you w/ AXP & why did you join?

A: All the old farts hanging around, throwing wheelchairs into traffic is fun. Seriously though, I liked Crow the best because of how easy going it is, you can joke about basically anything and everyone is fun to hang around with. I decided I was going to be in a fraternity from the start of school, it was basically just deciding where I wanted to pledge.

Q: Has Andre Orbegoza tried to touch you in "that place" yet?

A: No, god no, but Spice has had his fair share of wacks to "that place". Bid night he was walking around in the kitchen and Marc Robinson walked in. The two of them started ranking on each other and Marc sackwacked him. I thought Spice was going to kill him. It was hilarious.

Q: Why do you think AXP had such a successful RUSH?

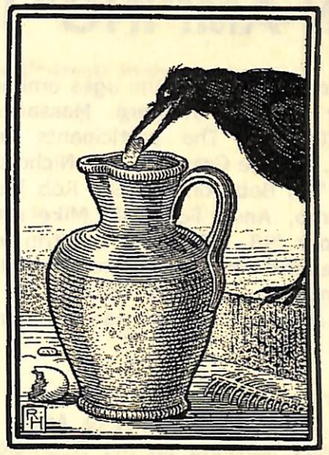
A: They tried. They actually went around to talk to perspectives and hang out with them. They'd come up to the dorm around 5 or so and get people to come down to dinner regularly. It let us get to know them more than the other fraternities. It definitely impressed me.

Q: What is postulancy like so far?

A: Well that depends on the day. Sometimes it's fun, sometimes it's interesting, other times it's insane. Interesting is when you hit Demars with snowballs right Jesse? Ha, it's usually always fun though, no matter what we end up doing. Activities are interesting though, organizing 31 guys is difficult but we are heading in the right direction now, I think if we can get ourselves working together we can do anything.

Q: What do you expect to get out of AXP?

A: That's a hard question. Though I'd have to say a lot of friendships, a lot of memories, and a lot of fun. We'll have to just wait and see.



The Crow and the Pitcher

A thirsty Crow found a Pitcher with some water in it, but so little was there that, try as she might, she could not reach it with her beak, and it seemed as though she would die of thirst within sight of the remedy. At last she hit upon a clever plan. She began dropping pebbles into the Pitcher, and with each pebble the water rose a little higher until at last it reached the brim, and the knowing bird was enabled to quench her thirst.

Necessity is the mother of invention.

—Aesop

"CAN-AMPING" IN WESTERN MASS

11 tough Crows spanning the ages embarked on 3 day canoe trip in Western Massachusetts in October, 2001 . The participants were Mark Stanley '85, George Graw '86, Jim Nichols '86, Mike Lemberger '90, Bob Tonning '95, Rob Jackson '95, Jeff Modderno, Andy Feld '97, Mike Andrus '97, Sean Gregory '98. Also on the trip was Jason Campoli, genetic brother of Nate Campoli '00. The trip was organized by Bob Tonning '95 with Jim Nichols '86 as the wilderness advisor laying out the route.

After an evening of relaxation at Toad Valley, Bob, Jim, Lem, Mark, Mike, Andy, and Jason set out Friday morning on the Deerfield River in Conway across from Bill Cosby's house in Buckland. The group loaded 3 canoes with almost everything thing need for several days and nights in the wilderness. With all the gear and beer in the canoes, great care had to taken to prevent tipping....this is a normal consideration for this type of trip. However, you may recall that this year we had nearly no rainfall...well maybe Jim didn't recall this when laying out the route. An additional consideration on this trip was moving the canoes along when water was not present. The lowest canoe "nicknamed the submarine" had Jim, Lem and Sparky in it. They handled the boney rapids by having Jim and Lem get out of the canoe and carrying the canoe and Prince Sparky across the rocks. Bob and Mike handled the rapids by hitting every rock head-on to maintain a reasonable speed. When necessary Mike got out of the front and pulled Lord Bob in his rickshaw. Andy and Jason got thru the day by drinking heavily.

The first night was spent on and island on the Connecticut River about ½ mile from where the Deerfield empties into it. Unfortunately this deserted island was across from a railroad depot in the middle of the woods. So those of us who only drank in moderation (1 out of 7) (well heavy moderation) listened to the trains all night. Those without air-mattresses (6 out of 7) were nearly crippled from the roots and vines they slept on....but their joints were soon lubricated again the next day. On Saturday morning Bob and Jim tried to repair the bottom of their canoes by melting plastic utensils and bags in the gaps in the spine. Varied levels of success were subsequently observed.

On Saturday morning, we were joined by Rob, Sean, Jeff, and George. The group then continued down the Connecticut River, where there was thankfully a few more ounces of water than the Deerfield. This, coupled with the fact that several "suitcases" had been emptied on the previous day, resulted in far fewer portages than the day before. After stopping for meatball subs along the bank of the Connecticut, "Rivers' 11" enjoyed an afternoon of canoeing, largely consisting of a "group

row," where all five canoes where tied together. Needless to say, only 4 men paddled while the other 7 drank, slept, and/or smoked cigars.

The second night's campsite was much more luxurious than the previous night. Not only was there an absence of rail cars, but there was also a swimming hole, roaring campfire, and even a toilet-chair (an old lawn chair which a previous camper had cut a hole out of and tied a real toilet seat to)! The best part of the weekend was definitely the toilet chair (this was confirmed by several campers).

On Sunday morning, the brothers broke camp and headed for the final take-out location. In total, $160 worth of food, $180 worth of beer, and $1,000 of insured auto glass (courtesy of a Conway vandal who brought Jimmy's trip to a sudden end) were consumed during the trip.

A return trip is currently being planned for Summer 2002. Any interested brothers should contact Jim Nichols or Bob Tonning.

ALPHA CHI RHO ALUMNI SURVEY

Year initiated_____ I was initiated into DST___ AXP___ Both___

Please indicate A=strongly agree, B=somewhat agree, C=somewhat disagree, D=strongly disagree

1) I keep my dues current and contribute to the Building Fund.	A	B	C	D
2) I support the program to upgrade the fraternity house.	A	B	C	D
3) If the right house was found, I would contribute up to $1000 in a fundraiser to help purchase it.	A	B	C	D
4) I want nothing to do with the graduate chapter or the fraternity.	A	B	C	D
5) I regret having joined the fraternity when I was at WPI.	A	B	C	D
6) I attend graduate chapter and fraternity functions.	A	B	C	D
7) I would like to see the house fixed up more.	A	B	C	D
8) I regularly see or correspond with some of my fraternity brothers.	A	B	C	D
9) I like receiving the newsletter. I always read some of it.	A	B	C	D
10) I would like to see more newsletters and reports from the house and Board of Directors.	A	B	C	D
11) If I was asked, I would contribute more to special fraternity fundraisers.	A	B	C	D
12) The school generally supports Alpha Chi Rho.	A	B	C	D
13) National generally supports our Chapter.	A	B	C	D
14) We should have stayed DST and never become AXP.	A	B	C	D
15) Some of my best friends are my fraternity brothers.	A	B	C	D
16) I plan to return for a Fraternity function within the next 12 months.	A	B	C	D
17) I would like to work on the housing or other committee. (If so, please sign here _____.)	A	B	C	D
18) I give money to WPI but not DST/AXP.	A	B	C	D
19) I pay my National graduate dues and contribute to AXPEF.	A	B	C	D
20) Rush is the biggest problem facing the fraternity today.	A	B	C	D
21) Getting a new house is the biggest problem facing the fraternity today.	A	B	C	D
22) Information, newsletters and fraternity notices waste my time.	A	B	C	D
23) I still owe money to the fraternity for past due bills.	A	B	C	D
24) Being a member of the fraternity has helped me in later life.	A	B	C	D
25) The Board of Directors and Graduate Chapter are active and effective.	A	B	C	D
26) I believe collection action should be started against brothers and graduates who do not pay their bills to the fraternity.	A	B	C	D
27) I will volunteer for support positions such as special committee chairmanships, Grad Chapter office or Board of Directors.	A	B	C	D

28) I do not contribute or pay dues. A B C D

29) I would like to know who has outstanding bad debt with the fraternity. A B C D

30) I wish to be taken off all mailing lists and never hear from the fraternity. A B C D

31) I think the Fraternity must have a growth plan if it is to be self sustaining. A B C D

32) I am surprised that the Fraternity has done as well as it has over the years. A B C D

33) I think that most Grads don't care about the Fraternity once they leave. A B C D

34) I contributed more to the Fraternity than I ever got out of it. A B C D

35) I believe the Fraternity is too commercial and too impersonal. A B C D

36) I believe the Fraternity has grown too large. A B C D

37) The Fraternity is for kids. I don't have time to waste on it. A B C D

38) When I was an Undergrad, the Fraternity was having great times. A B C D

39) When I was an Undergrad, the Fraternity was going through tough times. A B C D

40) I was an officer or committee chairman during Undergrad days. A B C D

41) I prefer to pay my dues on-line through the internet if it was an option. A B C D

42) I visit the Delta Sigma Phi webpage. A B C D

43) The fraternity still offers activities and opportunities to be active to brothers who are of "older generations. A B C D

44) I plan to increase my activity with the Fraternity this year. A B C D

45) The best way to contact me is A) email, B) Website, C) Phone, D) Mail. (Circle one)

I (state your name_____) would like to volunteer for the following:

Grad Chapter officer____ Committee Chairman____ Fundraiser Chairman____ Rush Conclave____

Board Member____ Reunion Committee____ Newsletter____ Other____

I think the following three people would be ideal candidates for one or more of the positions above:

_____ _____ _____

I would prefer to see more of the following events

Sporting events ____ (Red Sox___ Celts___ Bruins___ Ice Cats___ Revolution___ Other_____

House Events ____ (Dinners___ Quad/Tailgate___ Happy Hours___ Party___ Card Tourneys___

Away Games ____ (Picnic___ Shopping trip (NY)___ Foliage Bus Trip___ Ski Trip___ Camping___

Happy Hour____ Dog Track___ Foxwoods___ Other_____

Any other Suggestions?? :

What's the best way to contact you?

Please return completed survey to:

AXP Graduate Chapter, 62 Conway Road, Haydenville, MA 01093

Hewitty's Trivia Corner

"Ye Olde Swille Shoppe"

by Steve Leece '69

When one does trivia as an avocation, discussions, reminiscences and the like often are heard to include words like "Oh, for the good old days" or "Weren't those times great" or similar stuff. If both an old fart (like me) and a young sprout (like any undergraduate) are included in the conversation together, there will always be a few contentious points on whether it was better then or is better now.

There are always the qualitative things. Draft then, no draft now: much better now. No AIDS then, AIDS now: much better then. Jefferson Airplane and Doors then, hiphop now: decidedly better then. Saturday classes then, IQP now: maybe a toss-up? But none of this is really quantitative.

In the math and physics classes back in the dinosaur days we were taught extensively about ratios. For you humanities majors, that's something over something else and for the psych majors we are not talking hims over hers like you do in those sexuality classes. We are talking numbers. And usually the dimensions cancel so a ratio is a dimensionless number. (The Red Vector would be proud!)

Recently Physics Today Magazine… (What do you mean you don't read Physics Today?! Everybody reads Physics Today! At least those who count read Physics Today! Physics is fun!) Anyway Physics Today ran an article purporting that starting salaries for physicists were between $40K and $70K, notwithstanding that it had several ads for postdocs and the like starting around $24K. So we'll be generous and say a typical starting salary for a BS Physics is maybe $55K. Now, I remember vividly that my starting salary back in the prehistoric times was $8.5K. So the ratio of now to then is 6.47, not bad for now unless, of course you can't land a job in which case it doesn't matter anyway.

Of course, back then the price of tuition was $1,600 per year and total including tuition expected (WPI type) college costs were $3,200 per year. Today they are around $35K per year (and don't even argue because I'm currently paying for two) so the ratio is 10.94 now to then. Ugh. In a nutshell, the ratio of starting salary to the cost of a year of school was 2.66 and is now 1.57. Score one (quantitatively for then). Or just call higher education less value added.

Back then, Semmel's Mustang was $2,300 as was my Triumph Spitfire. Today a low end Saturn is around $15K and a reasonable SUV is $25K so split the difference and the car ratio is 8.70. However, the starting salary to car ratio is 2.75 today and was 3.7 back then. Now suffers again.

OK, let's talk real money. Back then at Hot Dog Annie's (everybody's been to Hot Dog Annie's!) we got 8 for a buck. Couple years ago, a case of heartburn there was like 3 for $2.75. Usurious! That's a 7.33 ratio, so you could get more heartburn for your starting salary back then too. At the risk of running salt in wounds, gas then was $0.30 a gallon with a free car wash for a fill-up. Today it's $1.80 pumped yourself and $5 for the wash, just push the button. All in all, a bunch more. Finally, then was the cost of a slide rule $23, drawing board $8, drafting set $18, can of Brasso (for the ROTC belt buckle, of course) $0.89, ROTC rifle free on loan and Tech Bible free period. So for under $50 we were outfitted for life. Today it's $2500 for a reasonably outfitted computer and $18.95 per month for an internet connection. That's about a 54.5 times increase. (And don't get caught up in the fact that we used to program the old IBM 1620 on the teletype at 200 bps and today we do it at 1,500,000 bps. We make the same number of mistakes, only faster, so that's a push.)

So what are we concluding here? Are we concluding that the olden days are really the GOOD olden days? Are we saying that we got more starting pay for what we paid for the Tute? Are we saying that we could buy more back then with our starting salary than we can today? Or are we saying that we ought to dump the Tute, go to BU or Georgetown, major in Economics and hire on with Arthur Anderson or Mercer as a "consultant" and start at $80K when we graduate? Anyone from the Tute ever think of hiring on as a business consultant? If they take history majors, they ought to take engineers.

Nixon was a crook back then you say? Yes, but Bush is an imbecile today so they cancel and besides that's qualitative so get back to the numbers.

OK. Maybe even the quantitative analysis does not answer the then-now question. But one set of number ratios really stands out, it seems to me. Back then, every undergrad was charged $5 a month to go to the building fund. That was the price of one dinner out every month. Just think what could be done if every brother and every graduate put the cost of one dinner out a month towards the building fund. At $25 per dinner these days and around 500 members total, we could put $150K a year in the building fund. If you don't eat much and put a $15 lunch per month in we would still put $90K a year in the fund. Even if everybody did the olden day $5 a month (you can't even buy a beer in some establishments for that these days!) we'd still put in $30K annually. Heck, just an annual contribution of $50 in memory of the extinct slide rule and drafting set would be nice. Or $18.95 a month to match the internet connection.

So the real conclusion is that any of you chintzy bastards who didn't cough up a few beers or lunches or dinners to the building fund when you sent in your dues (you DID send in your dues, didn't you??) ought to be sufficiently ashamed of yourself and send in a check to the AXP building fund. If you can't remember the grad chapter treasurer's address, just send it to the house (that's 8 Boynton St. Worcester 01609 for those of you who have dissolved sufficient brain cells) and it will get taken care of immediately. I promise you that you'll feel so much better when you do it and smug and towering over the crowd as well.

I'll drink to that…. Hewitty

UPCOMING EVENTS 2002

Tuesday, March 19th
- **DST Founder's Day**
  - Picadilly Pub, Westboro, 6pm

Saturday, April 27th
- **Alumni Appreciation Day**
  - AXP National Council Meeting at WPI
  - Grad Chapter Meeting
  - Cookout and Fun

Saturday, May 18th
- **Graduation Reception**, 8 Boynton, 1PM

Saturday, August 17th
- **Toad Valley Roast** at Jim Nichols' Cabin

Saturday, September 21st
- **HOMECOMING**

(RUSH continued from page 1) events that took place in A-Term mandatory for NIBs, to educate them on effective rushing and receive their opinion on proposed Rush events. They felt that the NIBs' opinion on these decisions were crucial, seeing as how these events were more fresh in their minds rather than the upperclassmen. On the other hand, NIBs also had the least experience, so Vigneau and Maietta held a Rush seminar, mandatory for all NIBs, to teach them effective rushing techniques and ways to deal with difficult questions. While these information sessions were important to educate the Brotherhood on the events to come, more importantly, they helped the Brotherhood come together as a whole. While the Rush Chairs didn't exactly stress it in words, every activity planned assisted the Brotherhood in working as a unit.

Our preparation evidently paid off in Rush. Practically every Rush event was a success. Even lunch and dinner at the house would attract numerous Rushees, often to the point where we would not have enough food to feed them. If they did not come from their own volition, it was guaranteed a Crow would be at their dorm persuading them. Dorm storming teams were well organized and ran like a machine, making sure that every night a friendly group of Crows were at each dormitory inviting for dinner.

Our Rush calendar of events was similar to years prior, but slight modifications had a large impact. For Car Smash, usually one of our bigger Rush Events, we replaced the car with a minivan and incorporated gravity testing along with the event. As usual, a large crowd attended the event, their interest in our fraternity piqued from the last two nights of House Tours. The event went off without a hitch. The van, TVs, computers, and stereos were sacrificed in the name of entertainment, and the highlight of the day was a motorcycle being tossed off the third floor fire escape. This event seemed to foreshadow things to come. Hours after the event officially ended and the sun had set, Brothers and Rushees were still out on the driveway hacking away at the car. This showed that not only did the Rushees like us; they did not want to leave.

Papa Gino's and Jillian's. Simpson's Night, Casino Night and Hooters Night. Paintball and the "Mystery Event." After each successive Rush event, more faces became familiar faces. They were no longer Rushees, they were becoming friends and soon, many will be Brothers. When we would ask whether they'd be down for the next Rush event or dinner the night after, the answers slowly turned from being negative to positive. They did not say they had homework to do or that some other fraternity had a better Rush event going on at the same time. They just started responding with, "Yeah, definitely."

Last night's formal dinner constituted the remaining hours of Rush. It had to be the best impression we gave, since it was the last impression we would leave. Midway through the dinner, Chapter President Richard Kuzsma took the floor and expressed his feelings for the fraternity he joined four years ago, "Not a day goes by without feeling that signing my bid was the right decision. By signing this bid, you will become a part of something special." Kuzsma then opened the floor to Rush Co-Chair Chris Vigneau, who then gave a rousing heartfelt speech, and left the prospective brothers with this thought: "You hold the future of this fraternity." Never before have these statements held more truth.

Thank you...

A special thanks to all brothers who contributed to the WTC fund collected during Homecoming 2001. A total of $650 was contributred by undergraduates and graduates, which was donated to a charity supporting children of the victims.

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April 24th is Grad Appreciation day (also Quadfest).

May 15th is Mike Henry's Graduation party

May 22nd is Graduation Day

August 21st is the 9th Annual pig Roast at Jimmy Nichol's in Toad Valley

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The 40th Anniversary is Coming!!

On October 9, 2004, we will be celebrating 40 years since the start of Delta Sigma Tau at WPI. The occasion is once again being pulled together under the direction of Mark Sparky Stanley. The event will coincide with homecoming at WPI and features a full day & night worth of activities. The day will start in the morning at WPI with the usual meetings: BOD meeting, Building association, and Graduate Chapter meeting. We are going to try and have the meetings in the new Campus Center on the hill so that all of us that paid the tuition over the years to build the place can feel fulfilled!

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Editor's Note: We've tried to make the newsletter a little more fun this time around. Let me know what you think, send email to astone@wpi.edu. Enjoy!

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Following the morning dose of meetings will be the traditional tailgating BBQ on the quad. After a couple hours of eating some fine burgers and dogs and intimidating the other houses with our masses, we will head back to 8 Boynton Street house for a group photo session. After the flashbulbs stop it will be time to put on our suits and dresses (the choice is yours) and head back to the Radisson in Marlboro for the formal anniversary celebration. There will be a cocktail hour, a good dinner, and plenty of good music to dance too. We will NOT be reading dozens and dozens of letter from other chapters this year because we realized the last time around it was too much talk, and not enough party. We will likely put any letters that are submitted on display, so that you will have the time to read them on your own time. If you have any other suggestions for the event during the ongoing planning process please feel free to let us know by emailing either mstanley@ma.ultrantet.com or Peter.Tessier@ge.com.

If you would like to participate in the Anniversary planning, your help would be greatly appreciated. Currently the planning committee is made up of:

Mark Stanley
Pete Tessier
Mike Henry
Mike Dowjat
George Graw
Pat Pastecki
Nick Amaral
Mike Andrus
Nathan Thompson
Jeremy Cote
Jon Hurst
Dan Boothe
Ken Fountain

If we have your correct mailing address (if you are reading this newsletter we probably do!) you will get a formal invite to the anniversary. Other communications for the event will likely go out over email, so if you want to update your email address and get on Crownet or Crow_Mail let me know! We look forward to seeing you this fall.

In the Bond,
Pete Tessier

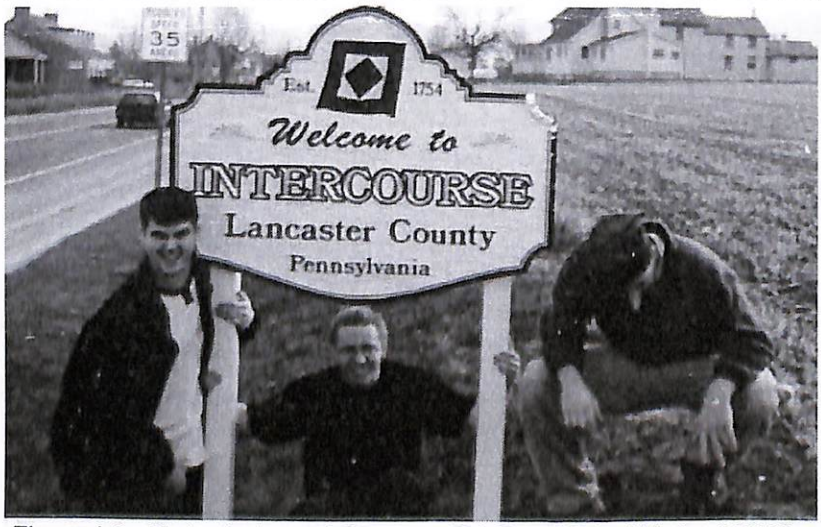

Figure I.2: Rich, Josh, and Stone… PA Road Trip, Winter 2002?

Ode to The Boynton

By Tony Snyder 702

As some of you may or may not know, the Boynton was recently closed from January until the end of March for "improvements". Many a Sunday night during that time the Brothers would sit around the television and commiserate about the lack of 20/20 (20 buffalo wings and 20 ounces of beer), discuss how great the Boynton would be when it reopened, and debate what "improvements" might mean. We were all very excited about the reopening of the Boynton.

If it's been awhile since you've been to Worcester, and the B, I would like to take this time to remind you about its greatness. The B was a place to meet your friends, relax, have a drink, get some grub, and just have an overall good time. The B wasn't anything super, in fact, some might even call it a dive (and have), with its smoky, dimly lit, and sometimes crowded atmosphere. Granted, the service sucked, the food wasn't that great, and it had a distinctive scent of stale booze and pizza, but it was home to many of us derelicts, as well as the place that many of us had our first legal drink. Between the beer decorations on the walls, the hockey jerseys, the 20/20 for $5 (including tip), the B was a bar, a hangout, a restaurant, and a way of life for many of the undergraduate and

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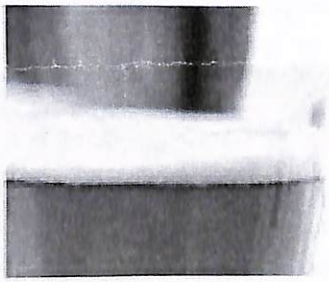
THE SWILL SHOP

By Hewitty

My first experience at being smitten by the poetic Muse was in a high school English class somewhere around 1963 or 1964. It was at that time I first heard Rodney Haratyk's immortal masterpiece entitled "Beer"

Beer, beer, beer,
Makes you want to cheer, cheer, cheer.

Seeking additional poetic reference to the topic I found (or perhaps re-found) this little ditty from Mad Magazine, the brainchild of that journalistic genius, Bill Gaines.



I think that I shall never hear
A poem as lovely as a beer.
With golden base and foamy cap,
The stuff that Joe's Bar has on tap,
The creamy brew I drink all day
Until my memory melts away.
Poems are made by fools, I fear,
But only Schlitz can make a beer.

(Now, don't get caught up in a discussion regarding the relative merits of one brand or another. Red Hook or San Miguel or Dinkelacker, though arguably superior to Schlitz, nevertheless don't fit the iambic.)

In any case, I knew from said poetic Muse that there were other kindred spirits who were fond of the brew at an early age as well as me. Having imbibed from said early age, (my father gave me a few

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graduate Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho, as well as the rest of WPI.

If you liked the old Boynton, whether it was because of the atmosphere, or simply (like me) you just like a good dive bar to relax in, I recommend before reading the next paragraph you get some duct tape. Now take the duct tape and firmly wrap it around your head. Make sure not to miss spots. This way, when your head explodes, it will be easier to clean up.

Got the duct tape wrapped around your head? Good. You may now continue reading.

Granted, from the stories I've heard from older grads, the B has gone through some changes over the years. I've even been told at one time it was a biker bar (whatever happened to those days?). So some might expect a change for the better every once in a while, unfortunately, that's not what happened.

March 25th, the grand re-opening of the Boynton celebrated with the Wachusett Brewery, 107.3 WAAF, and judging by the crowd, every WPI student over 21 that actually showers and leaves their room (and probably a few that don't normally). After a few attempts to enter the new Boynton, and unsuccessfully making it further than 3 paces through the new door, we decided to put off checking out the new Boynton for a day or two. Friday night, before the Candyland Party, seemed like a good time to go and check out the new Boynton. Upon entering the new Boynton from the parking lot, we were greeted

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AXP Foam Party Cleans House

By Dan Boothe (dboothe@wpi.edu)
and Chris Vigneau (vigneau@wpi.edu)

8 BOYNTON ST.—The sea was angry my friend, like an old man trying to send back soup at a deli. Thus was the once doubted and now legendary AXP foam party. At first, Brothers scoffed at Social Officer Jesse Tippett, but through the engineering genius of one Paul Marchetti, soon those scoffs turned into shouts of triumph.

The foam party that was, however, almost wasn't. On Friday afternoon, it became painfully clear that FedEx (now referred to as the motherfun-ers who didn't deliver our goshdanged foam) would not be delivering our goshdanged foam. The consequences of this were immediately obvious: the essence of the foam party is the foam itself. It was time for plan B. Plan B, it turns out, was to go to Sam's club and root around until we found an acceptable foaming liquid: Joy dish soap. As we sauntered out of our beloved wholesaler, laden with 16 gallons of soap, 200 plastic cups, about 60 Shastas, and a box of trash bags, the woman at the checkout counter guessed at a "cleaning party." We would not realize until later how right she was.

Doubts still swam like guppies in the fish bowl of our minds. Swam, that is, until the test run of the system tore through their fleshy bodies like the savage fangs of the Amazonian piranha. Triplet streams of beautiful white foam began dancing in the air

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sips at the age of six weeks and would likely have given me more had my mother not intervened and given him a rectal tonsillectomy on the spot), I have never had to learn to like the stuff, but rather have had a liking for it all along.

And so it was with delight that I participated as much as my budget would allow in the use of the Fraternity beer fridge. Sign out what you want, Cokes were 15 cents and beers were a quarter. Get billed at the end of each month. Nice and easy. Now just to calibrate some of our younger readers, a seven-ounce glass of draft at the Boynton (pretty sleazy dive back then) was a dime. They kept a large sandwich oven and a wrapped sandwich conspicuously visible because it was illegal to offer alcohol service without offering food service included. If someone from the ABC popped in to check, there it was. If they wanted to eat something, one of the staff ran out to a local dive to bring back a real sandwich (though it's not obvious if the real thing those days was any less petrified than the one for show.) Moreover, you'll note that at two bits a can, the case was sold for $6. We made about a nickel on a beer so we bought the case for around $5. And that just goes to show market forces in action, folks. While tuition is up about a factor of twelve since then, you can still get a case of (arguably not-so-good) beer for around $5 on special from a company desperate to grab market share. Not only have the micro-brewers built some fine product, they have made the big guys really tough it out for market share all to the advantage of those who would happily partake.

In those days, our beer was big business for a lot of folks. We negotiated volume price reductions from Hickey's and Eastside. We were provided gratis, a cold plate and tap for barrels of Knickerbocker Beer. The tap connection did not fit on Bud, Schlitz or anything else. They provided this to all the Fraternities. The loss of market share was sufficiently significant that Budweiser reworked their taps to be able to use the system. And flew a bunch of social chairmen, presidents and faculty to the New Jersey brewery to show off how good they were. We signed for about $250 of ethanol related product a week. That was a grand a month back then which we paid for through party revenue. (At the rate of tuition inflation, that would be the equivalent of about $3000 weekly today. At the rate of beer inflation saying a six-pack of good beer today is $5-$6, then we are looking at consumption in the $1000 per week range equivalent today.)

Now don't derive from this that the Fraternity was populated by a bunch of alcoholics. (Nobody ever went to those meetings.) In those days, our beer never caused us any problems. We never had to bring anyone to hospital, no serious overdoses, no wrecks and no police involvement. Of course there were occasional hangovers of various intensity and sundry Brothers curled around the commode once in a while but the use of ethanol infused beverages was quite adult and moreover, responsible.

No funnels, "down-down's", or chug-a-lug contests were to be found then. Drinking games were bridge tournaments with cocktails. Every party had a theme-drink of the night, be it margaritas or beer. And that gets us back to the main topic of this trivia (and trivial) piece: beer. (No, not poetry. It was just a starter.)

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by a hostess. Yes, you read that right, we were greeted by a hostess, behind one of those little stands that holds the menus (what's with those things anyway?). After giving our name, we were handed a blinking buzzer device. You know, those things that you get when you go to Applebee's in the mall, those pager things that let you walk around the mall without missing your table. The reason they gave us one of these was because we wouldn't be seated for an HOUR and a HALF! That's right, an hour and half wait to sit down at a booth at the BOYNTON! So instead of waiting around for our booth, we decided to wander back to the house for a few cheap beers while we waited. Upon returning to the new Boynton an hour later, we were told that we still had 9 people in front of us, so we headed to the bar for a few tasty beverages and to wait. After waiting 15 minutes to get three beers from the bartender (at the old Boynton at least the bartenders would serve you almost immediately), a nice gentleman that seemed to like our girls gave us his pager cause he had somehow already acquired a seat. Well, at least some things don't change, namely the menus and the service. The waitresses are still extremely slow, and after perusing the menu, we came to the conclusion that they hadn't changed those either.

While sitting there, I took the time to take in my surroundings. First, if you enter through the front door, you're going to notice that you're walking into the old pizza shop area, which is now just a little vestibule where you stand and wait to get your takeout food, the rest of the space is a kitchen. You walk through a fancy door on the left to enter the bar/restaurant area, where a large bar will greet you. So large in fact that it's a waste of space, the old bar probably sat more people, and the space behind the bar was not useless open space. The general seating is nice, although again, reduced in size, and space is wasted. The whole area has been opened up quite a bit, if you like that type of thing, and the walls are now painted a nice shade of some pink, red, orange color. The only real improvement is the new flat panel televisions surrounding the bar (which can't be seen from half the booths).

The best way that I can possibly describe the new Boynton is Metro Sexualized. That is the only possible description. It looks like it should be somewhere in Boston, where people dress up to go to. It no longer has the atmosphere of a college bar, or of any bar for that matter. It just seems to be one of those places that you might want to go to eat if the food was better. Granted, first impressions can be misleading, so we decided to try again on Sunday night. After all, how could we go wrong with the 20/20. So, after a 15 minute wait, we were seated in groups (no longer all together) at multiple booths, spread all over the bar; the waitress came to take our order, and we all nodded and said, "we'll take the 20/20". Good choice by us? Yes. Except for the fact that they no longer have the 20/20! After one brother got up and stormed out, the rest of us ordered wings and beer at the regular price, sat, ate our wings, and complained about how crappy the new Boynton was. We even asked the waitress her opinion (as she was one of the ones that was a waitress at the old B and remembered us), and she said that she didn't like it either, and that the new setup sucked for them too.

So on your next trip to Worcester, I highly recommend that if you really liked the old Boynton, you don't dare set foot inside the new Boynton without your head duct taped good and tight. The old Boynton is dead, and with any luck, the new Boynton won't last nearly as long as the old one.

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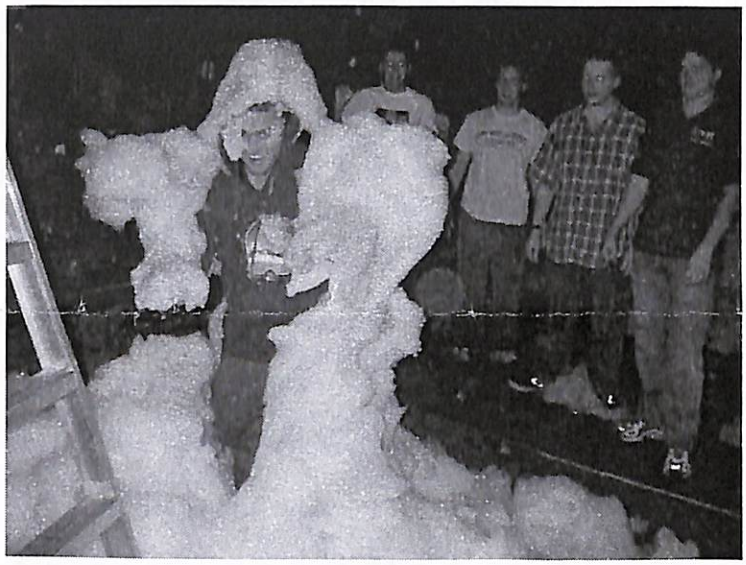
and pooling on the floor. The party was a go; the day had been saved.

Mandatory fun came and went, and the party room was growing ever fuller. Through the chapter hall came cries for foam. Those cries would soon be answered. At 10:30 the lights went down and the partygoers were left with nothing more than the caress of the red and yellow strobe lights and the gentle techno beat of sandstorm. Suddenly, the switch was turned on and foam spewed forth from the three homegrown foam machines upon the excited masses.



The evening continued in kind. The guests got foamy, the brothers got foamy, the crowd, shall we say, was foamy. The foam reached chest height in some areas, which allowed burrowing underneath it like the Viet Cong. The best part was, throughout the slippery evening, the party room reached no level that could be considered less than packed. The party that almost wasn't, had become one of the best we have ever seen.

Praise and accolades must be given to certain individuals. The Fearless Foam Crew (FFC) bravely forewent the festivities all night so that others might get foamy in their place.

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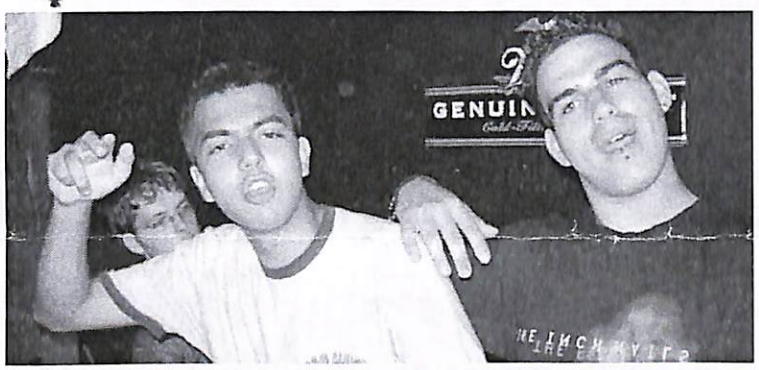
Josh Allor, Jon Hurst, and Dave Voutila, with some help from Mike Carbonello get the award there. The DJ crew, consisting of Andy Kim, Derek Chen, and Jose Magararu did a fantastic job not only with the music, but especially with the lights and effects.

The bar had been raised on the crow party scene. The second installment of the foam party saga will be unleashed upon the world on April 16th, 2004, when Foam Party II will bring down the house. The foam party will almost certainly become a yearly staple, as hotly anticipated if not more so than the legendary Sex on the Beach. And that's the way it was, one fall day at a big red house in a little town in Massachusetts.



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It may interest some to know that ale and lager are two major beer categories. Ales are generally smoother, sweeter and fruitier than lagers. The lagers tend to be crisp, distinctly carbonated and less aromatic than ales. Pilsners are a type of lager, though brewed in a somewhat different process. All beers have a measurement of bitterness known as IBU's or International Bitterness Units. The more bitter the beer, the higher the IBU value. Typical U.S. pilsners are around 5-15 whilst a tart IPA (India Pale Ale) may be up around 75. I contend with great surety that people who drink the mass produced, big-branded beers, and especially the light beers, don't really like beer and have no clue as to how diverse and excellent beer can really be. Most should be banned from drinking the good stuff on general principles.

What one pays for beer is not governed by ingredients. Typically, hops constitutes 0.2% of the cost, malt 3.5% and sales and marketing about 21%. The rest is found in mark-ups, distribution and mostly taxes. So you know where your money mostly goes.

Beer has a long and noble history. The ancient Babylonians (Sumerians) were brewing beer long before the Egyptians rose to fame and co-opted the brewers' art. The Babylonians were sticklers for quality too, decreeing that any commercial beermaker who sold unfit beer would be drowned in his own libation.

One of the first recorded toasts was around 400AD when British King Vortigern raised his tankard of ale at a royal dinner in honor of Rowena, the visiting daughter of Saxon King Hengist. History buffs among you will recall that Vortigern was pretty mean, killed Hengist, made off with (and made) maid Rowena, and was ultimately cowed by Merlin who described with great clarity his impending and ignominious death. And one can still quaff HB Hofbrauhaus Munchen, brewed in the same brewery since 1589.

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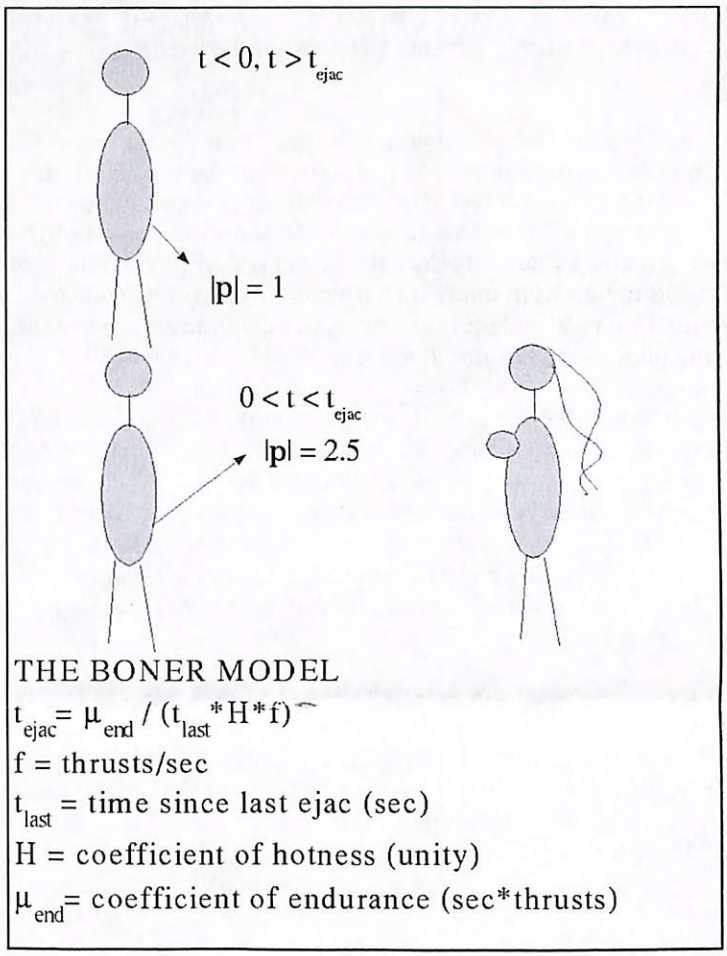

Figure A.3: An anonymous proposal for a master's thesis

mandated that their members drink not more than seven glasses of alcoholic beverages at one sitting. Moreover, they were limited to only two such sessions per day. Moderation in all things we agree! Moderation continues on to today where in English and Welch pubs, 18,900,000 pints of beer are consumed daily. Those same pubs serve 3,500,000 meals daily as well. Hey, it's good to have a little nibble with your beer.

Coming across the North Atlantic, it is believed that the first paved streets in North America were created in New Amsterdam (now New York City) in 1657 to improve the passage of horse-drawn beer wagons which were constantly getting stuck in the mud. In 1691, Thomas Tryon published probably the first book on brewing, "A New Art of Brewing Beer, Ale, and Other Sorts of Liquor so as to Render them Healthful…" (sounding seriously like a precursor to "Hail, Cheers, Greetings…"). The first brewery of porter was established in the new world in 1776 in Philadelphia. George Washington was said to have been a frequent customer.

Well, we started with poetry and we'll leave with three quotes you may use to sound erudite and impressive at the bar (even if you are slobbering drunk.) Friar Tuck in "Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves" said *"This is grain which any fool can eat, but for which the Lord intended a more divine means of consumption…Beer!"* David Rains Wallace was even more direct: *"Fermentation may have been a greater discovery than fire!"* And, of course, W. C. Fields, who said *"A woman drove me to drink and I didn't even have the decency to thank her."*

I'll drink to that! Hewitty

Annual AXP Alcohol Awareness Program Helps Students Realize the Dangers of Drinking

By Jeremy Cote

In early March of 2004, Alpha Chi Rho hosted its annual Alcohol Awareness Program to help keep students aware of the dangers of drinking irresponsibly. The program, organized by former publicity chairman Edwin Nieves (scroll 748) and the rest of the publicity committee, was designed to emphasize the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption. This came only one week prior to spring break, a time when the party-like atmosphere leads to many poor decisions and tragedies.

During the second half of the week, many of the Crow brothers congregated in the Campus Center, where they displayed posters detailing many of the negative consequences of alcohol abuse. With the help of WPI's organization for promoting alcohol safety (Bacchus Gamma), the brothers, all of whom were trained in alcohol safety, also distributed informational pamphlets and spoke to students regarding the reasons they should avoid drinking alcohol irresponsibly.

On the final day of the Alcohol Awareness program, Crow brothers were on the Quad displaying a mangled car wreck, which was provided as a charitable donation by Lindser's Auto Wrecking of Worcester. This proved to be an effective tool in getting the message across that drinking and driving is very dangerous, and drunk-driving accidents are one of the most detrimental consequences of irresponsible drinking. The program was considered to be a great success for the second year in a row, as all students, staff, and other witnesses left the program a little more enlightened on the dangers of alcohol.

AXP/DST Celebrates 39 years of Brotherhood

By Ken Fountain

On March 19th of 2004, graduates and undergraduates alike gathered at the Worcester Centrum Centre to watch the Ice Cats battle the Portland Pirates. The event marked the 39th year of existence of what is now the Delta Sigma Phi Chapter of AXP on the WPI campus. Prior to the game, some of the participants met for dinner at Peppercorns on Park Ave. Two of the undergrads, Dav Belliveau and Paul Marchetti, continued the annual tradition by eating at Picadilly Pub, where the idea for starting the fraternity chapter at WPI first originated.

As always, Scratch and the Mountain Dew prize team got everyone pumped up for the hockey game. Curtis Sanford pitched a shutout for the Ice Cats won 4 – 0. While on-ice fighting was at a premium, a great time was had by all. Special thanks to Matt Benvenuti for organizing the event and supplying the grads/ undergrads with great tickets. Hopefully, this will become an annual event where young and old alike can gather and reminisce about the beginnings of our great chapter.

Figure B.2: Slash and Michelangelo

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Luke Poppish and Brian Bresnahan are engaged, but not to each other. Bres is engaged to Kelly Martin and Luke is promised to Meredith Olson.

Steve and Brenda Bullied celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Grace in December.

Christopher Pisz (551) and his wife Bethany are expecting their second child. Beth is due in September.

Jay McGaffigan's new daughter Shannon was born on January 6th. Pictures are at http://www.mcgaffigan.com.

Ralph (660) and Susie Thompson are expecting in July, 2004.

Brian (609) and Darcy Carey are anticipating a baby sometime this summer.

Amy Vandall and Christian Kuiawa were married October 25, 2003 at the Cathedral of St Peter and Paul in Providence. They now live in Warwick, RI.

There are a few weddings coming up:
Chris Hill (684)and Michelle Travison (May 29, 2004)
Andrew Stone (672) and Kristen Lafond (June 26, 2005)

Richard Kuzsma (677) and Beth Young (September 25, 2004)
http://www.kuzsma.com/wedding/index.html

Bentley Kern (659) and Jackie Lanfranchie (Oct 9, 2004)
http://www.geocities.com/kern659

Nate Thompson is finishing his 2 years traveling as a consultant for the National fraternity. This summer he will be moving to Austin, Texas.

Mike Henry (497) is finishing his MBA at Bentley College this May and is actively searching for employment.

by

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Renovations Update

After purchasing 8 Boynton Street from WPI nearly two years ago, we are still moving forward with renovation plans. Recently, a formal surveyed plot plan was completed (thanks to Ken Knowles '98). We have also made progress developing conceptual construction drawings for a proposed three-story addition, and our architect is currently developing renovation plans for the existing house. Once finalized, budgets can be established for both the renovations and new construction, and we can then investigate phasing and financing options.

The BOD is interested in developing a graduate housing officer position, and is looking for volunteers. This position (or committee) would be responsible for communicating with our architect and potential contractors, helping to finalize working drawings, and would ultimately help determine the sequencing and scope of our renovations and construction. If you are interested, please contact Bob Tonning '95 at tonning@terradrilling.com.

Figure C.2: Newsletter Editors:
(From Left to Right) Bob Tonning, Ken Fountain, Pete Tessier, Andrew Stone, and Tony Snyder
(Under the table) Jeremy Cote, Dan Boothe, Chris Vigneau,
(In the Philipenes) Steve Leece
Thanks to everyone who helped with this rushed issue of the newsletter!

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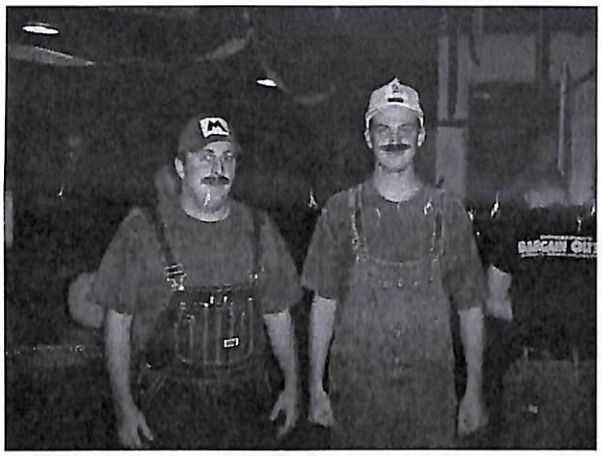

News from around the Grad Chapter! by Pete Tessier

Ken('98) & Kelly Knowles recently bought a house and moved to Exeter, NH. Ken & Kelly also just had a daughter, Caitlyn Elizabeth Knowles, born on January 30th.

Andy Houde(01') married his long time girl friend, Crystal, on September 18th last year.

Ken Carpenter ('90) married Barbara Watson in October of last year.

Matthew Goldman ('83) returned to New England with his family and are living in New Hampshire, he is now the Vice President of Technology for Tandberg Television.

Al & Judy Prescott moved from Groton, MA (where they lived for over 10 years) to Westford, MA.. Al also recently finished his first marathon in 4 hours and forty two minutes, which is about 25.5 miles further than I could run in that amount of time.

Bob Parette('99) got married to Mylisa Pilione on October 16th down in Pennsylvania.

Sean Gregory's('98) wife gave birth to their first son, Tyler Dominic, in October.

Brian Bresnahan('98) got married to Kellie Martin (also a WPI alum) on April 30th.

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40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

By Mike Henry

AXP/DST alumni from all over the globe returned to Massachusetts on October 9th to celebrate the founding of our fraternity. The day began with the annual homecoming graduate meetings which this year were held at the WPI Campus Center. The meetings were followed by a barbecue on the quad at noon. The weather cooperated with a beautiful New England Fall day. Many graduates and undergraduates gathered for burgers and dogs and caught up with one another.

The group later moved back to the house on 8 Boynton Street for a group photo. Over 100 people had their picture taken for posterity on the lawn in front of the house. (We are still working on getting prints out as we encountered some unforeseen issues.) Many of the alumni that had returned to the house for the photo could later be seen exploring the 2nd and 3rd floors checking out the rooms where they once lived while at WPI.

The festivities shifted that evening to the Radisson Inn Hotel in Marlborough. The undergraduates contracted two buses to transport them as a group to the hotel. The night started off with a cocktail reception in which guests were treated to music by a WPI Alumni Jazz Quartet.

The highlight of the evening was the 40th Anniversary banquet. The ballroom where the event was held was filled with mementos of past fraternity parties as this was the theme. Many of the old party posters were collected and copied for display. All composites since our founding were lined around the four walls of the room symbolically linking the past with the present. The scrolls which all members signed upon their initiation were also on view. An added feature for this anniversary was a running PowerPoint montage of photos from past fraternity parties that was displayed on the wall for all to enjoy. Some 175 guests enjoyed their dinner while soaking up the atmosphere. All of the banquet festivities from the Radisson were web cast live for remote viewing per the efforts of Mike Dowjat.

A short speaking presentation (yes-it was relatively short this time) followed the dinner. Jim Nichols once again did an excellent job as emcee for the celebration. Dan Prior, Curt Duffy, and Rich Kuszma spoke briefly about how parties had been during their time. Their speeches were greatly aided by the visual effects of photos from their eras which everyone seemed to enjoy.

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THE SWILL SHOP

By Hewitty

Don't you just hate it (or hate yourself) when a deadline looms and you've either scheduled too many pounds into the bag or you've sufficiently procrastinated to put yourself well beyond the time fence necessary to do the job with "four part harmony and full orchestration?"

Lately, I've been guilty of scheduling much too many pounds of stuff in the smaller pound bag so when the deadline for the newsletter came by, it was an "Omigawd!" and a quick search of the mental files for some novel topic laced with trivia and wit. Finding instead a small pile of dust, it became time to rely instead on topics with which we are most familiar and which we can speak of most authoritatively. So without doubt, that brings us back to the revered subject of beer. (You expected something else?!)

So beer it is. This time, in keeping with our most recent 40th anniversary, we shall endeavor to assess the evolution of beer over the lifetime of the Fraternity. Now before the skeptics jump all over me saying that evolution takes a lot longer than 40 years, and the religious right righteously chastises me for even considering the "E" word and the teetotalers harp why should we bother with beer anyway, let me say this: "shove it up your collective butts." We're going to be doing a 40-year evolution of beer and if you don't like it go read some other column!

The first point of evolution of beer over the life of the Fraternity has to be the exceptional price control, especially on the cheaper brands. For a baseline, from 1966 to 1969, we sold beer in the Fraternity (pre-risk management, of course) for 25 cents, 35 cents for imported brands. On that we made about 5 cents over what we paid Slick at Eastside Liquors. That was basically the discount he gave us over retail. Also at that time you could get a seven-ounce beer at the Boynton for fifteen cents. So basically we're looking at $1.50 a six-pack for regular beer, $2.10 for imported/premium and $0.35 for a pint of cheap draft at a dumpy dive.

Today one can generally buy a six-pack of cheap stuff for under $3.00 and a six of import for around $6. A pint of regular beer cost me $2.50 last week in Buffalo. So that's about a 2-times, a 2.9-times and a 7-times price increase in 40 years.

Compare that with starting engineering salaries (was $9K, now $50K), a sporty car (was $2.5K, now $25K) and WPI tuition (was $1,600, now $26,500) and you get increases of 5.6-times, 10-times and 16.6-times. Beer definitely has beat out the other inflation! OK, the WPI tuition also includes room, you say? So add back the $35/month in the old days, the $1600 becomes $1915 and the increase is still 13.8-times. The price of beer has increased a lot less than other life-giving substances over the 45-year period!

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Curt's use and incorporation of a Duran Duran photo from the 80's got the biggest laugh of the night.

Three new inductees to the Graduate Hall of Fame were also honored. They were Steve Leece, Ben Thompson, and Mark Stanley. The new inductees were presented with plaques. They will be further honored by having their names added to Graduate Hall of Fame plaque located in the library. They join last year's inaugural group of Rick Brodeur, Jeff Semmel, Jim Nichols, Mike Henry, and Bob Tonning.

The real fun of the evening started after the dinner and speeches as guests were able to catch up with one another and reminisce about old times. People could be found gathered in distinct groups with others from their era all around the room.

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8 Boynton From a Grads Point of View

by: Andrew Houde

The undergrads have had a good year so far and have accomplished much, making my job as the Grad Advisor quite easy. They are a solid group of individuals that always strive for the greater good of the house and the values that we treasure as a brotherhood. These are some of the reasons that I'm writing this article and to also give some insight, from an outsider point of view, into 8 Boynton St.

One of the first things I noticed as Grad Advisor was how house meetings have change since I was an undergrad. The mood has changed, the brotherhood is more relaxed about the stringent rules that used to be enforced to the "T". This suits the smooth flow of communication within the current Brotherhood. (Of course you will still be called "out of order" if you say something that is inappropriate, but not particularly if someone cracks a joke and you laugh.) But I do miss the days when Nick Amaral used to be kicked out of house meeting at least once a month and we all got to chant, Nah…nah… Nah…nah…Hey…Hey…Hey…Goodbye!

But don't think that the leadership has gotten soft. Dan Booth has done an excellent job of maintaining order and time

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My guess is that the beer industry has held the line on price not because they're nice guys but because of the second major evolutionary change over the period: the development of microbreweries. As I recall back at Slick's or Hickey's, our big selection was Bud, Miller, Schlitz, Knickerbocker, Narragansett, Pabst and occasionally Schaefer. Coors was only sold in six western states. Busch didn't arrive on the scene till later. Hamm's had neat commercials with the bear but the beer was pretty rough and mostly non-available in New England. Today at any self-respecting super market (at least in NY and NH) you can find fifty or so brands to choose from. Fat Tire, Magic Hat, Harpoon, not to mention a plethora of imports, all scrumptious, are all available. And what a variety of tastes there are! They are well worth the price compared to the big guys. And sampling can be an event in itself.

So now we have the gargantuan mass producers up against the small but optimized and extra-tasty little guys. The little guys can sell for $6 or so a six-pack and make money. To keep market share, the Enormous Bloats have to under cut prices in a big way. Which brings us jumping to another conclusion. Based on market share of the big (cheap) guys, the average beer drinker wants a cheap buzz first and is not the least interested in taste. (You can do it even cheaper with a jug of Everclear and a pack of Kool-Aid.) But to capture the buzz market, the big guys have to drop prices significantly. And for that we all win! It's probably just as well that buzz sells so well over taste since the brewing capacity of the micros is quite insufficient to handle the guzzling needs of the general public.

We should probably take a quick look at a very important combination of the two concepts above as they relate to Fraternities and college life in general. We will call it "Buzz-for-the Buck." As we all know, cash flow in college time is all outward and it is only when one graduates does the flow (hopefully) reverse. Perhaps the "Buzz-for-the-Buck" concept is what really is the engine driving the whole beer market share thing.

Attesting to this are some words from an esteemed friend and colleague. "I will say that during my days as an undergrad, I drank quite a bit of Bud Lite, and believe it or not in college now-a-days, a party that is serving Bud Lite is considered pretty high class. Yes, I am serious. The average college kid is lacking much to make a comparison too. The typical fraternity party now-a-days is full of Busch, Busch Lite, Natural Lite, Icehouse, Red Dog, and a whole bunch of junk that is the sale of the week from the dregs of the beer pile at State Liquor. So Bud Lite is a premium beer. AXP is actually considered a good place to party because they often have Bud Lite available, **and 18-22 year old girls like anything that has the word "lite" in it**. If I were back in college, I think I would actually introduce myself as Pete Low Carb Lite Tessier."

And there you go. The third major evolution in the realm of beer in the past 40 years is the development of that so-called "light" beer. Essentially, this stuff is beer for people who really don't like beer (don't like the taste, don't like the calories...) but are afraid to say so. That's why it is generally cheap. A precursor to light beers was the 3.2% alcohol stuff that you used to be able to buy in Colorado at age eighteen. Try as one might (and I did) it was just impossible to get a buzz from drinking the stuff because the volume one needed to consume was significantly larger than the capacity of most stomachs and any bladder to handle. It was just regular beer watered down.

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Luke Poppish('98) got married to Meredith Olson on June 11th, and they are relocating to the Denver area in July.

Kevin Carpenter('98) has recently come off of his world tour as a part of General Electric's audit staff, and has settled down in the Danbury, CT area.

Chris Hill ('02) and his wife Michelle recently moved from Dallas, Texas and bought a new home in New Britain, CT.

Matt Craig, a member of the U.S. Air Force, has returned to the U.S. and is stationed out near Las Vegas.

Andy Stone got married to Kristen Lafond (also a WPI alum) on June 25th.

Jimmy Nichols('86) also married on June 25th to Maureen Fournier.

Sam Girgis ('00) bought a condo in Somerville, MA.

And last but not least, I am transferring from the GE facility in Plainville CT to the GE facility in Billerica, MA.

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This part of the celebration was truly the highlight for many as this was the real purpose for their return.

DJ music provided by DJQ played throughout the night. The undergraduates tore up the dance floor and seemed to really have a good time as they partied it up until near midnight.

A special thanks goes out to all the committee members that had been meeting for months to put on the anniversary celebration. The following graduates are to be commended for their hard work: Mike Andrus, Mike Dowjat, Jeff Fortin, Mike Henry, Jim Nichols, Pat Pastecki, Mark Stanley, Pete Tessier, Nate Thompson, and Jen Tonning. A special thanks also for the efforts of all the undergraduates as led by Dan Bartl, Jeremy Cote, Jon Hurst, Ian Phillips, Pace Ricciardelli, and Dave Voutila.

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Then came the various attempts at light beers which tried to reduce calories (and now carbs!) but still give the same beer flavor plus buzz. Add a lemon for flavor, what the heck? Although the marketing success to the gullible guzzlers has been remarkable, clearly the taste has been a failure ever since back at the days of 3.2. But never forget the power of **"and 18-22 year old girls like anything that has the word "lite" in it."** Don't ya just love the power of advertising?

That, then, is the real evolution of beer through the Fraternity. Of course, there are some things beer related which haven't changed. The older European and Asian beers haven't changed at all. Dinkelacker, Guiness, Murphy's, Grolsch, Beck's, Jever and San Miguel are every bit as good today as they were when first tasted in the late 60's and early 70's. It's nice to see the standards remaining such.

The net result is this. To my young friends and colleagues at the Fraternity, let me say "Party On." By all means, make best use of the "Buzz-for-the-Buck" concept and enjoy. You're learning practical economics as a side benefit. And never lose sight of the idea that **"and 18-22 year old girls like anything that has the word "lite" in it."**

And to my elder, more established friends and colleagues with considerably larger disposable income, especially those who might be taking umbrage over the idea that I may have just called you a tasteless lout because you drink some insipid, tasteless, contaminated (and misspelled) water like Miller Lite. Yes, the ones who think I should apologize for calling you a tasteless lout. To you, I can sincerely say: I'm sorry you're a tasteless lout for drinking insipid, tasteless, contaminated and oft misspelled water.

After all of this, I believe I've evolved a powerful thirst. So it's probably time to stop writing, relax, and reminisce about the party room bar on Trowbridge. Best done, of course, with a bottle of VERY TASTY beer in hand.

I'll drink to that…

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management so that house meetings are productive. One more thing that I have noticed as well in house meetings is that there are many fewer serious problem discussions, which means that the brotherhood has found ways to resolve problems outside of house meetings. This is a big step in the right direction and shows how problems can be solved when the individuals talk it out, instead of letting the house do it for them.

The social scene at the house has been great and it's nice to see that the girl scene at the house has improved tremendously and hookups have been on the rise. The never-ending vigilance by the risk committee to ensure everyone's safety has been outstanding. The house has set an example for everyone on campus by proving that you can have fun and be safe at the same time. The parties that I have attended were well managed and were full house events. The SOTB party had its doors closed by 10:30 due to the party room reaching capacity. This was a product of good inviting and great enthusiasm from the brotherhood. This enthusiasm can be seen in everything the House is doing, from postulancy to community service events.

It's no surprise that the guys like to party but they also have their priorities in the right place. Very often I will see the library full with guys studying and helping each other with schoolwork. The house in general has a more studious and scholarly atmosphere about it and it is not surprising that out of 25 seniors graduating only 2 are not going to walk on time. That's a 92.3% senior class graduation percentage, one of the highest in years. The guys have shown that you can drink responsibly and still do well in school. Who says alcohol, used responsibly, and school don't mix?

Everything that I have witnessed so far has been positive and upbeat. We had a great rush, postulancy is going well, and the house is ready to be handed over to a new set of guys. I have no doubt in my mind that the elected leadership will be as good if not better than its predecessor. I have been impressed and look forward to the rest of the year and hope to see more of the graduate chapter stopping by to meet these great individuals that I call my brothers. **GO CROW!**

Proposed Bylaw Amendment Needed to Keep Up With Chapter's Growth

Submitted by Bob Tonning '95, Chairman of the Board of Directors

For the past three years, the amount of effort required to manage the Building Association and its various responsibilities has been increasing. Property ownership, along with the associated tasks of future planning, development, and fundraising efforts, has added significantly to the demands placed upon Board members. The current terms (five years) coupled with the limited number of positions (five elected) were appropriate for the "Board of the Past", but is no longer effective for the growing needs of our chapter today [It was recently noted that 10 of the 12 houses on campus currently employ professional property management companies to assist them in some capacity; AXP if one of two that relies solely on its Board of Directors].

Our Chapter's growth over the past few decades is due in large part to the many great contributions of our brotherhood. The proposed bylaw changes aim to encourage involvement from a larger portion of our alumni. Our increased responsibilities as homeowners have created a situation where it is becoming essential to increase the membership of the Board. At the same time, we are all-too-aware of the many external commitments that graduate brothers face, and realize that a five year commitment (also referred to by many as a "life sentence") may discourage some worthy candidates from participating on the Board.

To that end, the members of the Board of Directors unanimously support and recommend a change to the by-laws which will (1) increase the number of elected members from five to nine; (2) increase total Board size from seven to eleven (recall that the Graduate Chapter President and Undergraduate Chapter President sit as named members of the Board; (3) reduce term commitments to a more comfortable level (three years rather than five); and (4) add Board officer positions designed to focus on current and on-going needs.

With a larger Board of Directors in place, the tasks required to support our growing organization can be divided into many smaller subcategories. In addition to the president, vice president, treasurer and secretary positions, new officers could handle tasks such as property management, fundraising, risk management, and public relations (among others) to help distribute the current workload, thereby yielding more effective and efficient chapter operations.

The last five years have witnessed the purchase of our first chapter house (after more than 35 years of renting), extensive planning for a new addition (as well as receiving tens of thousands of fundraising dollars to support these plans), and continued growth of our chapter at WPI and at the National level. On behalf of the current Board, I respectfully ask for everyone's support of the proposed Bylaw changes, as well as your consideration to become part of the "New Board".

On April 21, Carla (Caputo) Modderno (WPI Class of '96) passed away after a long and very courageous battle with leukemia, with her husband Jeff ('95) and mother by her side. She will always be remembered for her generosity, bright smile, and infectious happiness.

Carla played an important role to those Brothers around the house from 1992 to 1996. Carla was a Friend of the

Fraternity. Her contributions to the House are honored by a plaque on the wall of the library, and in the hearts of many. Jeff and Carla attended many summer brother parties, grad appreciation days, Toad Valley Pig Roasts, and other gatherings where the fraternity was represented. Carla was always there, making sure everyone had as good of a time as she did, as well as forming and maintaining lasting friendships with many brothers and their wives/ girlfriends. As evidenced by the amazing turnout of support for her family during her illness, Carla was a very important part of AXP in recent years.

The support of the brotherhood has been truly extraordinary - from undergraduates who likely never even met Carla gathering for a blood drive, to the help that Jeff and the family received throughout her illness from many others. Many donations have already been made to a college fund for their daughter, Becca, and to a Leukemia research fund in Carla's name. If you would like to make a donation, please consider the following funds:

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Roughing it at WPI

Campout publicizes hostage taken in Iraq

By Courtney Towson SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM & GAZETTE

WORCESTER— It's been a couple of cold nights in the city. The snow, sleet and rain have fallen and the winds have howled. And no one knows that better than the fraternity brothers of Alpha Chi Rho who spent the last two nights camped out on the quad of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute campus.

Their campout was not part of the usual frat high jinks that take place on college campuses nationwide; instead, the fraternity was showing support and raising money for a member who was kidnapped in Iraq almost two years ago. As other students rushed to class, they set up camp with tents, a fire pit and an igloo designed by one of the members. The igloo took hours to build and isn't quite ready for habitation yet, but it has been the impetus for much of the attention the fraternity's cause has been receiving over the past two days.

Jeffrey J. Ake, an alumnus of the Purdue chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, was in Iraq as a military contractor. He was president and CEO of Equipment Express, a company that was working to improve the water infrastructure in Iraq.

On April 11, 2005, unknown assailants kidnapped Mr. Ake. Two days later, a video of him clutching his passport while three men pointed rifles at his head appeared on Al-Jazeera television. No group claimed responsibility for the kidnapping, and Al-Jazeera would not say where it obtained the video.

Mr. Ake, who would now be 48, has not been seen nor heard from since that day. Once the government-funded search concluded, Equipment Express picked up the expenses, said Adam Tracy, president of the WPI chapter of Alpha Chi Rho. But when Equipment Express, which now has no comment on the situation, was sold, the funding was cut off, said Mr. Tracy. "The money for the search has to come from the family, but they have no steady income."

After learning about the situation at the national Alpha Chi Rho conclave, the local chapter decided it should help. The members brainstormed for fundraiser ideas.

"Anyone can sit at a table and ask for money," said Mr. Tracy. "We wanted to

Cameron C. Dunai, left, of Wilbraham and Matthew E. Fuhrmeister of Alpha Chi Rho check out the igloo built by fraternity members at Worcester Polytechnic Institute for a campout to raise money and bring attention to Jeffrey J. Ake, an alumnus of the Purdue chapter of Alpha Chi Rho who was kidnapped in Iraq almost two years ago. The two planned to sleep in the igloo last night. (T&G Staff/BETTY JENEWIN)

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A campout in the quad, dubbed "Maximum Exposure," was the result of that brainstorm.

On Wednesday afternoon, the brothers pitched a tent and began their planned 45-hour mission to raise money to aid in the search for Mr. Ake. It took weeks to plan the campout and gain approval from the college administration, because of safety concerns. Not once did the frat members think the biggest snowstorm and some of the coldest temperatures and fastest winds of the season would hit the area on their first night out.

Each of the 42 members of Alpha Chi Rho signed up for three-hour shifts in groups of 10. Last night, during one of Mr. Tracy's shifts, a tent pole broke in the high winds, but the brothers stayed out there and continued with their mission.

"He's been held hostage for over a year," said Mr. Tracy. "There is no reason we can't camp out for two nights. We just feel better going out there instead of sitting inside at a table asking for money."

So far the fraternity has raised more than $200, which will go directly to the family of Mr. Ake. "That's pretty good for a bunch of poor college students."

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